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Sequel To Seizures By Hong Kong CustomsHotel  
Strikes  
Loom

The deadline set by the service employees of the Colony's eleven leading hotels and catering establishments for acceptance of their demand for a \$35-a-month wage increase, was reached yesterday without any response from the employers.

The establishments affected are the Hong Kong Peninsula, Republic Bay, Gloucester, Harbour View and Arlington Hotels, the Lido, the Dairies, the Gloucester Lounge and Wines.

The men have asked for a \$35-a-month increase in their basic wages which, at present (irrespective of tips) is most cases under \$20 a month, an annual increment of \$2, and certain improvements in service conditions.

The deadline was fixed at a meeting on Saturday when dissatisfaction was expressed at the refusal of the managements to consider the demand for what the men regard as "a reasonable working wage."

Separate meetings of various groups of workers were held at midnight last night to consider the action to be taken in view of the employers' refusal to meet the demand.

Officials of the Foreign Service Workers Union, to which the men belong, were present at all the meetings, and urged a strike of all the employees involved.

Most of the meetings were still in progress at the time of going to press, and it is expected that the decisions arrived at will be considered at Union headquarters today.

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Ultimatum  
To Fishery  
Strikers

When 284 book-keepers, clerks, weighers, tallymen and coolies of the Hong Kong Fisheries Marketing Section struck work yesterday, Government gave them 24 hours in which to return.

If the strikers do not report for duty by midday today, their services will be dispensed with and new employees recruited.

As a result of the strike, the fisheries market has suspended operations temporarily and fishermen were informed yesterday that they could claim their catches direct to the retailers in the Central Market for disposal.

Their stocks of dried salt-fish, however, are to be held until the Market Section refunctions.

The Fisheries authorities hope to have the Market operating by the week-end.

It was learned yesterday that the authorities have definitely refused the demand by strikers, who are not Government employees, for full Government fixed rehabilitation allowances since the men were getting wages comparatively higher than Government employees.

Fighting circles said yesterday that the majority of the strikers were merely following their Union's resolution and have no desire to strike.

## LAST RITES

In the presence of Commodore S. H. Carrill, D.S.O., R.N., Chief of Staff to the C-in-C, and Mr. Carrill, Lt. Commander P. J. Storer, D.S.O., R.N., Commodore Hong Kong Staff, the ashes of the late Rear-Admiral Arthur Horace Walker were yesterday buried in the same grave at the Colonial Cemetery as his late son, Lt. A. R. H. Walker, R.N.

The Rev. Clifford Davis, officiated at the graveside.

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Forty Armed Men New Zealand  
Threaten Captain To Pull Out  
Of Japan

Forty Chinese in plain clothes and armed with rifles boarded the Dutch (JCLP) 6,600-ton liner "Tijlaleangka" in Amoy harbour in broad daylight and threatened to shoot Captain J. Burger and the ship's comrade unless a sum of HK\$7,000 was paid, the "China Mail" learned from authoritative sources last night.

The incident occurred at the beginning of the month and was a sequel to the seizure in Hong Kong of a considerable quantity of unmanifested cargo on board the "Tijlaleangka" on the eve of the vessel's departure for Amoy.

At the same time, the police found some stowaways (owners of the unmanifested goods) and took them off the ship.

One or two of the men then brought air passages for Amoy, where they landed before the arrival of the "Tijlaleangka".

In Amoy, a gang was organised to visit the vessel and demand compensation. The men accused Captain Burger and the Chinese comrade of giving information to the Hong Kong Revenue Department resulting in the seizure of their goods.

Displaying intense animosity and threatening to kill the Captain, the comrades and other officers, the armed men demanded HK\$7,000—the amount they claimed they had lost as a result of the seizure.

To avoid an unpleasant incident which inevitably would have held the ship up indefinitely, Captain Burger decided to pay the demand.

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None of the 21 passengers or four crew members was injured. American Airlines in New York said there was no fire in the plane, but the Gallup Fire Department disagreed.

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presented a list of 288 candidates but negotiations between the Democratic Socialists and the Kuomintang drifted towards a deadlock.

The composition of China's future Parliament may be gleaned from the fact that the Kuomintang list of candidates total 1,788.

Under the new constitution, the Chinese National Assembly will have slightly over 3,000 seats.—Reuter.

STEAMROLLER ON  
LORD'S BILL  
London, Nov. 12. The Labour Government's drive to clip the meagre powers of the House of Lords today steadily toward fulfillment today, despite the Winston Churchill's cries of "dictatorship."

The government's whacking majority in the House of Commons trampled the opposition to the measure on Tuesday night, despite the decisive second reading and toward final enactment.—Associated Press.

Australian's  
Suicide

Mexico City, Nov. 12. Frank Medworth, 50-year-old member of the Australian delegation to UNESCO, committed suicide today by slashing his wrists.

He had been suffering from wounds received in World War One and was in poor health.—United Press.

Govt.  
Reneging  
On Fund

Government's under-taking to contribute one dollar for each dollar subscribed by the public towards the Hong Kong War Memorial Fund will cease after December 31 this year, it was officially announced yesterday.

At the same time, a renewed appeal has been made to the general public, particularly to those who have not yet subscribed, to send in their donations before that date.

Hitherto public subscriptions to the Fund have reached only the disappointing total of a million and a half dollars. Government has been the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund to just over three million dollars by the contribution of an equal amount.

As a matter of public policy Government's liability to contribute on this dollar-for-dollar basis cannot continue indefinitely, and therefore such liability will cease after December 31 next.

## DRUG RING CLAIM

Nanking, Nov. 12. The Peiping Garrison Headquarters today claimed that they had broken a nationwide narcotic ring and had seized heroin and other narcotics worth CN\$3,000 million.—Reuter.

Suicide Unit Storms  
Shihchiachwang

Nanking, Nov. 12. The hard-pressed Government garrison at Shihchiachwang, the western Hwaipei rail hub, were battling desperately today to avoid being overwhelmed as a Communist suicide squad succeeded in storming and entering the southeastern corner of the city, according to semi-official despatches received here.

The defenders, who had been resisting heavy attacks from a Red column which broke through the northwestern gate 48 hours ago, are now compelled to divert part of their small force to meet the new threat.

One pro-Government report said that the Communists are rushing further heavy reinforcements to the city to press home their advantage on the ground.

Despite bad weather, Government warplanes are continuing to give valuable support to the beleaguered garrison, bombing and strafing the Communists at night.

In the north, Kiangsu Government reports claim that strong Communist forces southwest of Tangshan, on the Lunghai railway 45 miles west of the Government headquarters at Haichow, were routed when the Nationalists launched a surprise counter-attack in an attempt to break through the Communist cordon around the city.

In Manchuria, the Government-controlled Central News Agency reported that the 28-day-old siege of Kien has been lifted by mechanized Government columns which drove south and north from the city and Hsiao-fengmar.

China's largest hydroelectric power plant on which a large area in Manchuria depends for its electricity—respectively and effected a junction.—Reuter.

Last Hours  
Peking, Nov. 12. What probably were the last hours of Shihchiachwang as a Nationalist stronghold were described in messages sent before radio contact was broken with the city, whose loss was now being taken for granted has not been officially conceded.

On Monday a force of Reds broke into the city and engaged the defenders in street fighting, in the course of which numerous civilians were killed.

Under the attack, the Nationalists withdrew from the railway station and its approaches, leaving as booty for the Reds several armoured trains and other rolling stocks.

By nightfall, the power plant was crippled by shellfire, and the city was enveloped in a sinister darkness, which was rendered even more frightening by fires which blazed from dozens of different points.—Associated Press.

RESISTANCE GROUPS  
CHALLENGE SIAM COUP

Bangkok, Nov. 12. A resistance movement has cropped up in Siam to challenge the military clique which took over the Government by force three days ago. Army authorities are hunting leaders of the "Siamese People's Resistance Forces," which opposed the regular Army in an unrevealed district.

Luang Aphaiwong took up his duties as the new Premier under the protecting guns of Marshal Phibun Songgram's military regime and began conference with 20 provisional Ministers at his residence in front of the National Stadium. An Army tank guarded the lane leading to his house.

The Cabinet will function until Parliament convenes or until a change is deemed proper, according to military officials.

King Phumiphon Aduldej is expected to return from Switzerland next month. An official spokesman disclosed that the 10-year-old King was informed two months ago by secret code message of the intended coup d'etat.

Luang is serving concurrently as Minister of Agriculture because Prince Siphonorn declined to accept the post. The Cabinet is composed mostly of civilians, despite the Government's military character.

Chinese Cooperation  
Mao-Gun. Wang of the Siamese Kuomintang Committee paid a four-hour visit to Phibun yesterday, according to an Army announcement. He said the Committee assured the "strong man" of the revolt that Chinese in Siam would cooperate.

Another Army announcement said that a representative of the British Embassy congratulated Phibun on his success and expressed willingness to support the reorganization efforts. There was no confirmation of this from British sources.

The Military Government ordered strikers to stop payment on cheques drawn by ten persons closely associated with Pridi Banomyong and two Ministers of the deposed Cabinet. Those whose accounts were frozen included Nal Louis Banomyong, Pridi's brother, Nal Thongin Bhulbat, former Industry Minister, Nal Thawit Tawetkul, Director of the Bank of Asia, and two leaders of the Free Thai movement in the North-west Provinces.

Bank Closes  
An all-day run on the bank at Ayutthaya resulted in the bank stopping business temporarily. The withdrawals were reported to have been made because the principal promoter of the bank is Louis Banomyong, brother of Pridi Banomyong, the former resistance leader.

It is reported that the deposed Premier, after interviewing the Military Command yesterday, went with his family to his home town of Ayutthaya and is at liberty. He rejected an offer of a post in the new Cabinet set up by Marshal Phibun.

Pridi Banomyong, the anti-Japanese resistance leader, who was said to have slipped away from a dinner when Marshal Phibun's forces went to arrest him at the time of the coup, is now staying at a naval cadet school at Phanburi, across the River Menam, opposite Bangkok.

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North China  
Freezing

Nanking, Nov. 12. The first below-freezing cold wave swept North China today with weather stations reporting three degrees below zero Centigrade at Tientsin, four degrees below Peking and 11 degrees below at Mukden.—Associated Press.

Where Is  
Wedemeyer  
Report?

Washington, Nov. 11. The Wedemeyer report—an administration secret survey of conditions in China and probable basis for future United States policy there—may be pried out into the open shortly.

This was intimated today by Senator Robert Taft, who declared at a press conference his opposition to the Marshall aid request, which includes US\$300,000,000 as the first instalment of a projected US\$300,000,000 aid programme for China.

Senator Taft cryptically told newsmen: "There will be requests certainly from the Republican side for the Wedemeyer report."

Senator Taft made the remark in the course of a long series of questions regarding future Republican policy, especially as influenced by the aspirant for the Republican Presidential nomination.

His statement followed only by one of his demand in a New York speech that China aid should be considered together with Europe's needs. It was in this speech too that Senator Taft demanded: "Who knows what these are? Where is the Wedemeyer report?"—United Press.

WAFFS IN  
THAMES TRAGEDY

Windsor, Nov. 12. Two WAFF aircraftwomen were drowned in a balloon car discovered last night, almost completely submerged in the Thames at Runnymede, Surrey.

The air Ministry said that two girls have been identified but the names are not to be published until the next of kin have been informed.

A road runs between the flat meadows and the river and only a grass hedge separates it from the water. There is a drop of several feet into the river.—Reuter.

The Unpredictable  
Harcombes

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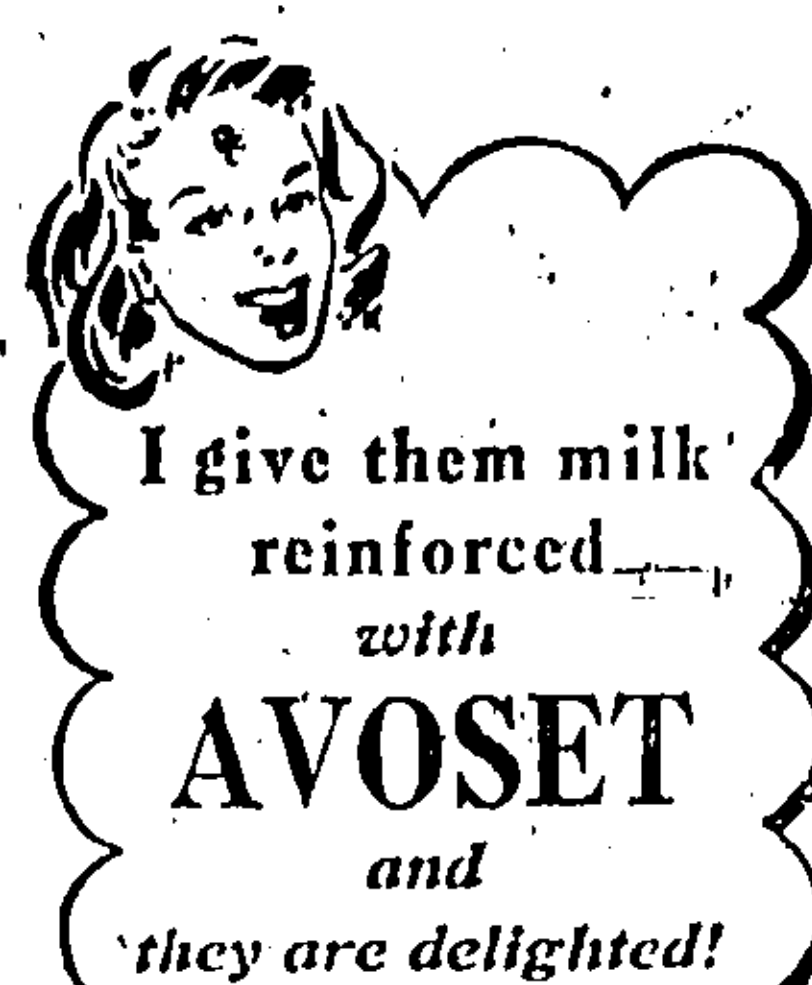
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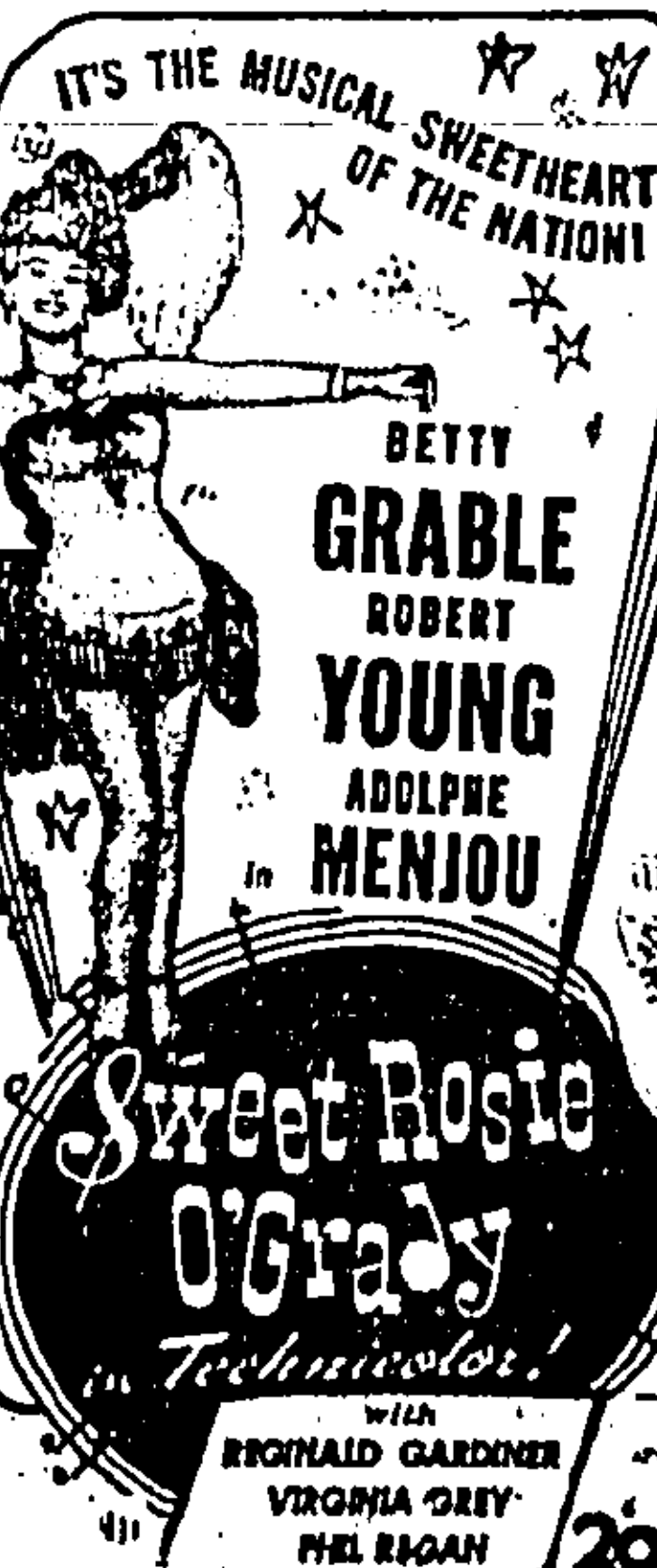
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## CAMPAIGN AGAINST T.B.

### New Clinics And Free Food For Sufferers

#### Rent Profiteer Fined

Yip Wong, of 6, Gordon Road, 3rd floor, who claimed to be a "business" with a "clear 200 per cent profit."

But Nemesia in the form of Inspector H. Dambrowsky, of the Bay View Police Station, swooped down upon Yip. He appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. Conklin to answer 23 rent summonses brought against him.

Discharged on one count (seven summonses) for not issuing receipts to his sub-tenants, Yip was fined \$25 (one summons) for failing to furnish the landlord (Bank of China) with a full and true statement showing the names of all sub-tenants and particulars of the part of the premises occupied and the rent payable by the sub-tenants; \$25 (one summons) for failing to affix a declaration of rent payable by the sub-tenants; \$25 on each of seven summonses for failing to serve notice specifying part of the rent to be paid by the sub-tenants; and \$50 on each of seven summonses for overcharging his sub-tenants.

Yip had to pay in all a total fine of \$575, and was ordered to be evicted from November 14.

#### Personalia

Arrivals at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday included E. Laddewick, A. M. Stackhouse, M. W. Bristol, W. Carr, Lieut. Col. Rice Evans and W. R. Morris. The departures were E. C. Fowle, M. Glin and A. McAllister.

Arrivals at the Gloucester Hotel yesterday included Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Ruffett, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Marshall and Col. and Mrs. J. McKean Fortman. The departures were Mr. and Mrs. A. R. White, J. Ordorff, A. A. Guyer and Mr. and Mrs. G. J. R. Baudon.

The only arrivals at the Republic Bay Hotel yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Christie.

Arrivals Tuesday at the Peninsula Hotel included Sebastian Ugarte, H. P. Stone, Ho Shen ching, S. L. Lee, and Mrs. C. A. Gaudle, Col. and Mrs. R. H. M. Mayhew, H. C. Strafford, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kowalek, Capt. and Mrs. James E. Lynch, USA, R. Matheson, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Crane, W. O. Barrington, A. Drummond, Lieut. General Gardner, A. Plenderleith, W. Nuford and A. Foulkes.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Mr. and Mrs. Woo Kyating, Miss T. Lapitely, K. C. Johnson, Hill, and Mrs. A. Walker, Mrs. V. L. McMullen, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McBurn, H. C. Wilson, Henri, C. Maun, L. V. Rowett, M. E. Patterson, R. Gentle, Wu Sling and Lieut. Col. and Mrs. R. C. Lewis.

Cathay Pacific Airways passengers for Manila on Tuesday included Miss Loretta Moran, Miss A. Surprenant, Miss A. Lemelle, Miss Alice Larouche, Miss J. Tremblay, Miss Juliette Choclinard, Miss Diana Chaine, Miss Laura Thérèse, Miss Irma Ladrantaye, Mr. Lim Eng and Mr. Tan Song-ay.

Mr. James Walker, Messrs. Yu Kung, Ko Man, Chan Shai-wah, Chui Ma, Ah Chong, and Ping Lok-fan were among arrivals from Manila by CPA air liner.

#### Reminders

**Today**  
Central British Association Extraordinary Meeting, Jardines Board Room, 3.45 p.m.  
H.K. Teachers' Election of Convenors of Sections, St. Joseph's College, 5 p.m.

**Tomorrow**  
Mahjong and Whist Drives, European Y.M.C.A., 8 p.m.  
Devali Festival, Cocktail Party by Hindu Association, The Ritz, North Point, 7.30 p.m.

**Coming Events**  
Annual Graduation Day, Heep Yunn School, 3.45 p.m.  
Y's Men's Weekly Lunch, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

**Tomorrow**  
Diocesan Girls' School Speech Day, 5.30 p.m.  
Land Auction, Kowloon Magistracy, 11 a.m.

**November 14**  
H.K. Welfare Council Meeting to elect new Council, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 3.15 p.m.

**November 15**  
Tao Fong Shan Silver Jubilee Celebration, St. Stephen's Girls' College, Alumni Association Meeting, 175, Benson Road, 3 p.m.

**November 16**  
Hindu "Devali Festival" Children's Party at Indian Recreation Club, 3 to 7 p.m.

## Government's New Programme

Government plans for combatting the spreading of tuberculosis in the Colony next year include the setting up of two new clinics, one on each side of the harbour; the expenditure of \$350,000 on free food for T.B. sufferers; and the opening of the Violet Peel centre as an out-patients department.

At a press conference yesterday, the Director of Medical Services, Dr. I. Newton, said these plans had not yet been approved by the Legislative Council but two tuberculosis clinics would be brought out from England to serve the clinics, and their staff would consist of local medical officers and health visitors. It was proposed to erect these clinics on the spot where the old No. 2 Police station stands and at a point near the Matatching Camp in Argyle St. A small laboratory, dispensary and waiting rooms would be attached to each, and the clinics would be equipped with X-ray apparatus.

Dr. Newton said that the Health Department's policy in its drive against T. B. was a long-term one. There are now 300 beds available for T. B. sufferers but some 3,000 are necessary. The method to be used will concentrate on preventing further cases from arising.

Health Visitors  
Suspected sufferers will call the clinics and those who are "open" cases will, if possible, be put into hospital until they are improved and then sent back to their homes and looked after by health visitors.

These health visitors will go to the homes of the T. B. patients and advise on ordinary household and advice of hygiene with a view to preventing spreading of the disease around them. Dr. Newton said that it was likely that mobile canteens would be used in the feeding of outpatients.

Giving some figures of treatment of the disease at the Harcourt clinic in Wanchai, which has been open for six months, Dr. Newton said that in October 1,006 people made first visits to the clinic; 659 of these were voluntary, 67 were referred by hospitals and 51 by doctors. Altogether 67 of these were people in contact with

Hyderabad, Nov. 11.  
Talks between the Governments of Hyderabad (India) and Portugal for the acquisition of Marmagao, the Portuguese port on the west coast of India, by Hyderabad, were urged here today by S. M. Alam, the chief engineer of Hyderabad State Railways.

Hyderabad needed the seaport to expand its trade and commerce, Alam said, adding: "Historically we have claims on Masulipatam, the Madras Province port, on the east coast."

"I understand that the Portuguese are likely to sell their port of Marmagao. This port is admirably suited for us. We should therefore negotiate with the Portuguese and Indian Governments for the acquisition of Marmagao. We should then have our own merchant navy and also develop a shipbuilding yard at Marmagao."—Reuter.

#### Readers' Letters

##### Key-Money

Sir,—Referring to your issue of Thursday 6th, "Key-Money Racket", Mr. Blair-Kerr's remarks ring loudly in my ears. Early in this year whilst endeavouring to find accommodation for my family I was offered a flat and was informed over the phone that a substantial amount of key-money was required. This demand was made so openly that I thought it might be possible to bring legal action in the matter if I could get an eye and ear witness to the demand. Having a slight acquaintance with a member of the Hong Kong Police Force I phoned him for advice. He referred me to an official of Legal Branch who told me that, in cases of key-money, written evidence of demand and receipt of key-money was required before legal action could be taken.

Further he gave me the impression that he was entirely disinterested in the matter and certainly offered no assistance.

It would have been in the public interest if Mr. Blair-Kerr's remarks had been made to the department of the police force matters of this nature should be reported and how these black-tops could be brought to justice.

Without meaning to presume, your paper would be doing great public service if it would investigate the whole business of key-money and the methods open to the public to combat it.

J.C.H.

##### No Credit

Sir,—At the risk of censure for adding to a topic on which too many thoughtless people have already written far too much, I feel that a comment upon the gift for Princess Elizabeth and Lt. Mountbatten which is now being displayed in the Gloucester Arcade is beautiful, and a fine example of local craftsmanship, but the silks are most disappointing. The display as it stands looks ridiculous, both in quality and quantity, and certainly does no credit to the Colony. Would it not seem better to send no silks at all than to make such a selection?

I realize, of course, that there is very little silk loomed in Hong Kong, but it seems that if suitable materials cannot be found here it might be in order to include imported Chinese silks and brocades which would be suitable for a gift of this importance.

INTERESTED AMERICAN.

## Chief Officer Of Prison Retiring

On the occasion of the impending departure from the Colony on retirement of Mr. J. V. Fitzgerald, Chief Officer of Stanley Prison, a reception was held at the Prison Officers' Club last evening when a presentation from members of the prison staff in the form of a silver cigarette box, suitably inscribed was presented.

Mr. C. J. Norman, Assistant Superintendent of Prisons and president of the club, made the presentation, "a memento of our appreciation and affection for him."

"Mr. Fitzgerald," he said, "in the course of a life time of public service has worn several uniforms including those of the Royal Navy, the Prison and the H.K.V.D.C., in which he served as Lieutenant during the defence of Stanley."

A toast to the health of Mr. Fitzgerald was proposed by Commander W. H. O. Harrison, Superintendent of Prisons.

Mr. Fitzgerald thanked fellow members of the Club for their gift and for the entertainment afforded him.

Mr. Fitzgerald joined the Prison Department in 1921 and had been Chief Officer for the past 16 years.

A keen Freemason, he holds the ranks of Past Master, Past Mark Master, Past Excellent Master, Past 2nd Past Excellent Master, Past 3rd Past Excellent Master, Past 4th Past Excellent Master and member of Phoenix Chapter, Rose Croix.

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## Marmagao For India?

Hyderabad, Nov. 11.  
Talks between the Governments of Hyderabad (India) and Portugal for the acquisition of Marmagao, the Portuguese port on the west coast of India, by Hyderabad, were urged here today by S. M. Alam, the chief engineer of Hyderabad State Railways.

Hyderabad needed the seaport to expand its trade and commerce, Alam said, adding: "Historically we have claims on Masulipatam, the Madras Province port, on the east coast."

"I understand that the Portuguese are likely to sell their port of Marmagao. This port is admirably suited for us. We should therefore negotiate with the Portuguese and Indian Governments for the acquisition of Marmagao. We should then have our own merchant navy and also develop a shipbuilding yard at Marmagao."—Reuter.

## Money Market

Gold dropped to a lower level yesterday. Opening at \$323.50 a tael, it fluctuated between \$319.25 and \$324.50 in the course of the day, and closed at \$328.

Plastres both opened and closed at \$10.80 a 100. The rate dropped to \$10.70 after the opening, but later recovered.

Chinese National Currency were firmer at 64½ cents for futures and 65 cents for spot (for CN\$10,000).

U.S. dollars remained unchanged at \$5.07. Sterling was firmer at \$12.58, and Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.51.

## Sikh Devali Festival

Yesterday the Hindu community celebrated the Devali Festival at the Sikh Temple, where free meals were offered to all those who required it irrespective of race or creed from noon till about 4 p.m.

**HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND**  
Public subscriptions received on Nov. 12, 1947—The Puyi, Wanhsien Government A.M. School, \$51.50; Total \$51.50. Hong Kong Government Contributions \$51.50; Received to 11.11.47 \$3,006.13; Grand Total \$3,057.63.

## Organised Theft From Taikoo Dock

That "an organisation is operating in the Taikoo Dockyard" was alleged by Inspector D. G. MacPherson in his case against five men charged with conspiracy to steal two electric motors, property of the Taikoo Dockyard, valued at \$2,000, yesterday at the Central Magistracy.

Convicted by Mr. Conklin, Fung Lok Fuk, boatman; Kwok Kwan, boiler maker; Lai Yan, boatman; and Lo Hung, boatman, were each sentenced to nine months' hard labour, while Chak Yau Leung, paint scraper, employee of the Taikoo Dockyard, who lived in the Taikoo Quarters and had a previous conviction for larceny, was sentenced to 15 months' hard labour.

According to watchmen of the Dockyard, three men were seen walking towards the waterfront in the Dockyard at about 1 a.m. on November 5. They were followed by six men, who apparently were carrying a heavy load, and who were in turn followed by another three men.

They disappeared near the slipway, and later two sampans were seen about 200 yards offshore. The watchmen gave chase in a motor launch and hauled in the five men.

Inspector MacPherson observed that in view of the fact that 12 men were seen by one witness at that time of the night when no one is allowed, it "is apparent that an organisation is operating in the vicinity of the Dockyard."

## Bluejacket In Trouble

Ordinary Seaman I. H. Whitley of HMS "Contest" was fined \$25 and ordered to pay \$50 compensation by Mr. W. H. Lattimer, at Kowloon yesterday for malicious damage to a navigation lamp, the property of the "Star" Ferry Co.

It was alleged by Inspector Orem, for the prosecution, that accused with A/B Wild (who was acquitted), and other sailors boarded the launch at 11.15 p.m. on Tuesday.

As the "Night Star" was leaving the Kowloon pier, the accused, it was alleged, untied the port navigation lamp and threw it into the harbour. The launch was put about, and when it had tied up to the wharf defendant and Wild were taken to the Water Police Station.

## Taxi Driver Denies Incident

As the result of a complaint to the Traffic Office that a taxi had almost caused a serious accident on the Shek-O Road, a taxi driver appeared in court before Mr. d'Almada yesterday on a charge of dangerous driving.

Defendant pleaded that he was not the driver of the car as he did not go to Shek-O on that day. He was a driver for the Shanghai Taxi Company and his car number was 4027; he only went as far as Repulse Bay and not Shek-O.

Mr. d'Almada said that as the complainant had no reason to invent the whole story he found accused guilty and fined him \$200 with the option of one month's hard labour.

## "PHONEY" STORY ALLEGED

At the request of the prosecution, Wu Cheung, 68, returned overseas Chinese, residing at the Tai Tung Hotel, was remanded for 24 hours by Mr. d'Almada at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Wu is charged with misinforming Police of an alleged armed robbery at the "Man Kwong Hotel" on Nov. 10.

## KOWLOON ARREST

Mr. F. X. d'Almada, at the request of the prosecution, remanded Ng Ming-tai, unemployed, 28, and Lui Chun, 32, labourer, for three days in police custody.

Arrested at the Fu Kwai Lau Tea House, 1st Floor, Reclamation St., Kowloon, on November 10, Ng appeared yesterday at the Central Magistracy on charges of possessing a revolver with 12 rounds of ammunition, and with Lui, of realising arrest.

## NO TICKETS

For entering the Kau U Fong theatre without tickets at 8.20 p.m. on Tuesday, Lai Shui-hong, Lau Shui-shan, Sham Shui-kin were all fined \$25 or one week by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday. Mr. H. J. Mayford of the Tax Department prosecuted.

Three stray dogs, unlicensed and untagged, were shot by the Shamshui Police yesterday.

## TRIAD SOCIETY MEMBERS SENT TO PRISON

"There will soon be nothing left of this society," commented Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, when three members of the notorious Wo Shing Wo Triad Society appeared before His Worship on a charge of being members of an unlawful organisation.

The first accused, Cheung Lun, 21, was originally charged with street gambling. The additional count of being a Triad society member was brought against him yesterday by S/I Cochrane.

He was arrested at 5 p.m. on Nov. 8, running a street gambling school at Pelko Street near Aplu Street. The game played was the "awindie known as Red and Green," said S/I Cochrane.

At Shamshui Police Station, Cheung admitted being a member of the Wo Shing Wo. He was fined \$25 for street gambling and sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment on the additional charge.

"These two men were also arrested by the Shamshui Police C.I.D.," declared Det. Sub-Inspector C. Pope when he prosecuted Chan Sai-pang, 22, and Tao Kau, 22, with being members of the Wo Shing Wo.

First defendant said that he had been a member of the Triad for past seven years, and paid an entrance fee of \$3.30. At that time he was a student. He did not know that the Wo Shing Wo was a "lan-tai" (bad characters) organisation.

His claim to being Hong Kong-born being accepted, accused was sentenced to six months' hard labour, to be followed by two years' Police supervision.

Tao Kau claimed that he joined only a month ago, paying an entrance fee of \$30 to one Fung Sai outside the Yau-mat Theatre. He was compelled to join, as he had been threatened with bodily harm. He did not know that the organisation was one of "lan-tai."

He was sentenced to three months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

## NO STAMPS

For issuing two receipts for rent of \$30 each from Lam Fung Sai outside the Yau-mat Theatre, one of the accused, Yung Tung Sang, of 1 Ching Sing Lane, was fined \$80 by Mr. Conklin at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

## HOUSE-BREAKING CHARGE

A three-day remand was granted by Mr. J. G. Conklin when two charges of house-breaking were preferred against Ng Muk Shui, 26, of no fixed abode.

Defendant was alleged to have broken into 90 Connaught Road West and stole articles to the value of \$1,391 and also from 77 Connaught Road West articles to the value of \$100.

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## MAGISTRATE PREFERS NEW CHARGE

### Key-Money Issue In Rents Case

A case of unusual interest, in that the presiding Magistrate personally preferred an additional charge of accepting key-money, was tried in Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr's Court in Kowloon yesterday.

The charge was added by Mr. Blair-Kerr after evidence had been heard on five charges of overcharging rent by Mo Kit-wan from his four sub-tenants at 365 Nathan Road, ground floor, and failing to notify his tenants of the rent he paid to the landlord.

Defendant, represented by Mr. Peter H. Sin, was fined \$1,500 on the five counts, and an additional \$2,000 on the key-money charge, or, in lieu thereof, 13 months' hard labour.

Defendant was also ordered to vacate the premises and to reimburse each of his sub-tenants for

the excess amount he had collected from them, a total of \$1,225, within six days of judgment.

Sub-Inspector T. Dow, prosecuting, said that the four sub-tenants took joint action by requesting, in writing, the landlord to reduce the rents. When he refused to do so, they reported the matter to the Yau-matli Police Station.

Lam Mo-shun, one sub-tenant, stated that he had to pay \$30 per month for a 104 square feet cubicle, while Liang Lok-tien paid \$300 for a fixed room and a cubicle.

Defendant, it was stated, paid only a rental of \$80 per month, and collected about \$450 from his sub-tenants.

"No wonder our cost of living is so high with people like you dealing in the blackmarket in this fashion," declared His Worship.

"For Furniture"

The first witness, Lam Mo-shun, testified that he had to pay \$200 as key-money, while Liang Lok-tien declared that he paid \$1,000 key-money for which he duly received a receipt "for furniture." "I did not receive any furniture when I moved in," asserted Liang.

At this stage of the proceedings, His Worship asked the prosecuting officer why defendant was not charged with accepting key-money. S.I. Dow replied that he had received instructions to proceed only on the five charges.

His Worship: "Well, I am going to frame a charge in regard to this key-money business."

On the Magistrate preferring the charge, Mr. Peter Sin expressed a wish to withdraw from the case insofar as the new count was concerned.

## Preparation For War

London, Nov. 11. Doctor Cyril F. Garbett, the Archbishop of York, declared today that Britain must guard against being involved in an ideological struggle against Russia. The archbishop, recently returned from a tour of Eastern Europe, said at a London literary luncheon:

"I came away from my visit to Europe convinced that we in this country ought to take no part in, nor give any support to, those appeals which are sometimes made to us from the other side of the Atlantic by lining up against Russia and against Communism. If there is a real gulf between East and West, we are making preparations for another war in the future."—Associated Press.

## "Fleetwood" Gold Seizure

A week's remand was ordered by Mr. J. G. Conklin at Central yesterday when Li Hing was charged with having on November 11 carried to be placed on board the s.s. "Fleetwood" a quantity of gold without a permit from the Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

Mr. Y. K. Kan, of Messrs. Lo & Lo, appeared for the defence while the prosecution was conducted by R. O. Humphreys. Defendant was allowed bail of \$500.

The Imports and Exports Department scales yesterday showed that the gold seized on board the s.s. "Fleetwood" on Tuesday night, weighed a little over 1,000 tael—100 more than originally estimated.

At current prices in the Colony, the seizure is worth \$201,000.

## RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 843 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 7.30 to 8.30 and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m.

H.K.T. 12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.15 p.m.—Patricia Hueston (Piano) and Robinson Cleaver (Organ).

1.30 p.m.—A Lunch Time Concert.

2.30 p.m.—Close Down.

6.30 p.m.—Studio: "Jazz Journal" Presented by Philip Burn.

7.00 p.m.—H.B.C. Transcription Service: "TMA" with Tommy Handley.

7.30 p.m.—Studio: La Demi-Heure Française.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.

8.15 p.m.—Studio: Religious Talk by the Rev. J. E. Sandbach.

8.30 p.m.—Studio: "This reminds Me" Presented by Nicki Lorraine.

9.00 p.m.—Mozart: Serenade "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" London Philharmonic.

9.15 p.m.—Studio: A Play—"There's no Accounting for Elephants", by Ursula Bloom. Produced by Harry Hargreaves.

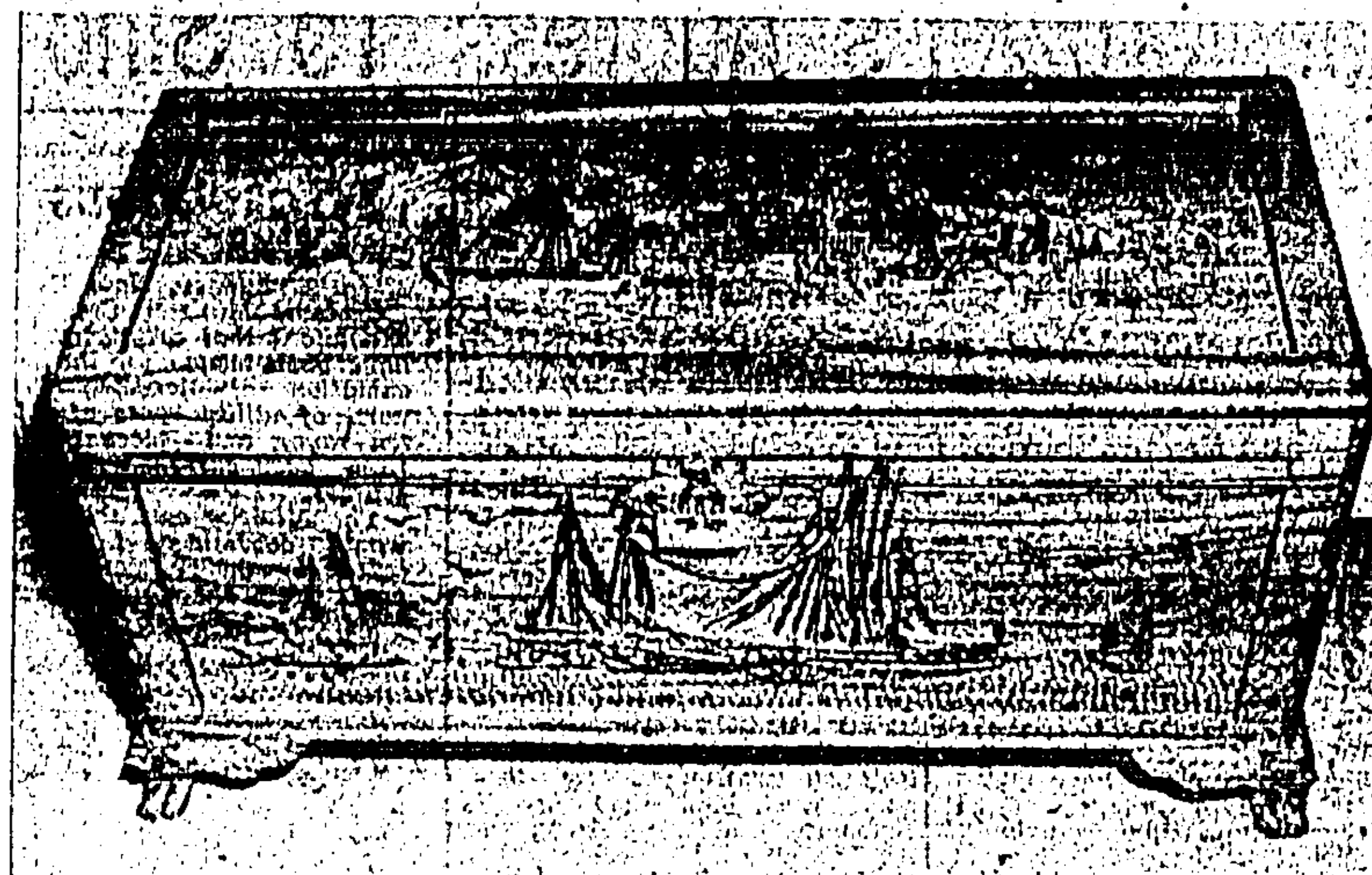
9.45 p.m.—"We Sing For You" Lina Pazzinchi (Soprano) and Alessandro Valente (Tenor).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay News.

10.10 p.m.—"London Calling" March by Eric Coates. London Symphony Orchestra.

10.15 p.m.—London Relay: Jubilee Theatre Programme. A Radio Pageant of Play and Players from 1922-1947. Programme written by the distinguished dramatist and critic—St. John Ervine.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.



The marvellously carved camphorwood chest which forms one of the main items in Hong Kong's wedding gift to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth. The gifts are on exhibition in the Gloucester Arcade. ("China Mail" photo)

## Mainly Conservative!

London, Nov. 11. The Mayor and 28 Councillors of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, were weighed in a ceremony yesterday in observance of a 700-year-old custom based on determining whether the town officials had been necking during their term of office.

The "Daily Herald" Labour Party newspaper, gleefully reported that nearly all of the officials had gained weight—traditionally assumed to mean that they have not been working hard—despite the warnings about the British diet.

The "Herald" also noted that the Councillors were predominantly Conservative.

## V-J Stores Win Legal Dispute

Judgment was given in favour of defendants by Mr. T. J. Gould (Additional Judge) in the Supreme Court yesterday, in the legal tussle between the Asia Embroidery Co. and Po Wing Shoe Dealers (plaintiffs) and the V-J Store (defendants), all of 14-B Hankow Road, Kowloon, on the issue whether plaintiffs, who occupied certain portions of the shop, were sub-tenants or licensees.

Plaintiffs claimed that they were sub-tenants and as such were protected by the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance 1947.

Defendants contended that by virtue of agreement entered into between the parties, plaintiffs were only licensees.

His Lordship, in his judgment, said the evidence of neither side could be accepted in full, but was consistent more with the plaintiffs occupying their portions of the premises as licensees than as sub-tenants, one of the counters being shared with defendants for common use.

Plaintiffs were represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, K.C. (instructed by Mr. A.S.C. Comber), and defendants by Mr. Percy Chen, (instructed by Mr. J.M. d'Almada Remedios).

Opening for defendants, Mr. Percy Chen said his clients had no cause to answer as on the evidence alone the plaintiffs had failed.

Mr. Chen, after withdrawing this submission, said defendants had nothing to do with the Asia Embroidery Co. or the Po Wing Shoe Dealers. They had only a personal arrangement with Messrs. Lee and Doo. Mr. Chen submitted that plaintiffs must show lease of specified portions of the premises. Concerning the advertisement in the "Kung Sheung Yat Po" there was no evidence as to who had inserted it. There were no documents or receipts indicating the rental payable. Defendants would refute the suggestion that any money was paid by way of rental. The Asia Embroidery Co. did nothing for a year or more to indicate a tenancy in respect of any portion of the premises. The Po Wing Shoe Dealers never put up a signboard. Defendants were commission agents and Lee and Doo were admitted to the premises to sell goods on a commission basis.

## Greek Atrocities

London, Nov. 11. A Foreign Office spokesman said today that Britain has decided to "call to the attention of the Greek Government" reports that Greek gendarmes have engaged in atrocities against Leftist rebels, including the decapitation of captives.

The Government's decision, the spokesman said, followed publication of pictures by the "Dail Mirror," purporting to show Greek gendarmes carrying the heads of decapitated rebels. "We have no confirmation of atrocities committed both by the Right and the Left in Greece."—United Press.

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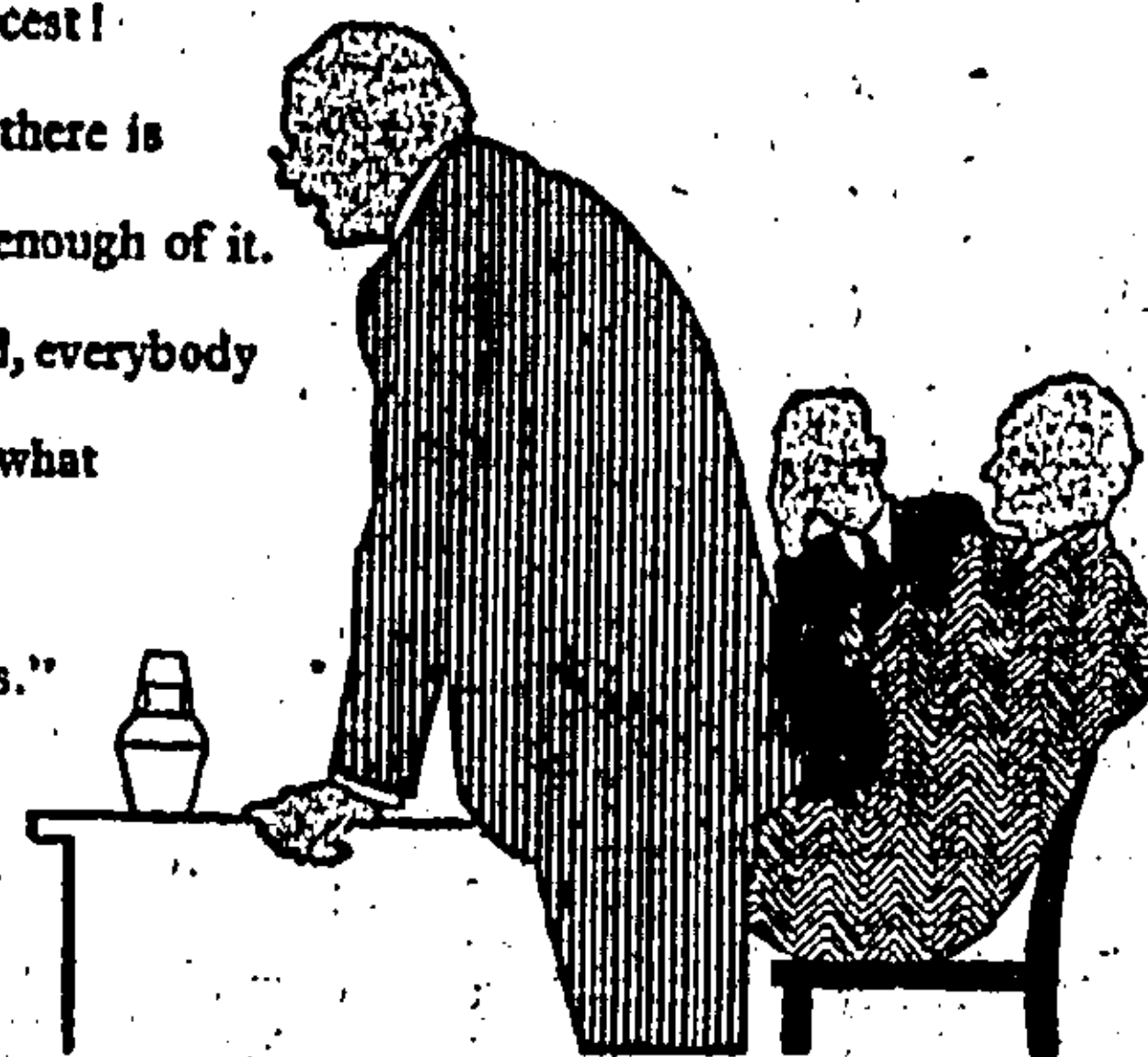
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A 21-gun salute by USS "Estes" was returned by HMS "London," which arrived here a few days ago from the United Kingdom to become the Flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet.

After the American warships had secured to buoy, the Officer of the Guard called on USS "Estes" after which the Liaison Officers of the host ships called on their opposite numbers.

Before Admiral Cooke left "Estes" for Queen's Pier to inspect a guard of honour, calls were made on the American Flagship by the American Consul General, Vice-Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, Flag-Officer (Air), Far East, Commodore C.E. Robertson, Major-General Erskine, and Air Commodore Webster.

At Queen's Pier, Admiral Cooke inspected a Guard of Honour provided by HMS "Pamun" and then proceeded to Government House to call on Sir Alexander Grantham.

Following a cocktail party on board HMS "Flycatcher," Admiral Cooke and Senior officers of the visiting warships dined at Admiralty House.

Today Admiral Cooke will be host at a dinner party on USS "Estes." He will visit Canton by air tomorrow.

On Saturday there will be a cocktail party at the American Club for Admiral Cooke and his officers and later Admiral Cooke, accompanied by eight officers, will have dinner with the U.S. Consul General, Mr. Hopper.

On Sunday, Mr. R.H. Pearson will be host at lunch to Admiral Cooke and seven of his officers, and in the evening Sir Alexander Grantham will give a dinner party at Government House.

The visiting American warships are scheduled to sail for Singapore on Monday.

Landing arrangements have been made for American officers at Queen's Pier on the Island, and

the Police Pier in Kowloon, and for other ranks at Blake Pier on the Island and at the Police Pier, near the "Star" Ferry.

For driving—a vehicle—in a manner dangerous to the public, Ip Chung, 27, of 3 New Village, Tai Hang, was found guilty and fined \$400, with a recommendation that his licence be suspended for four months, by Mr. J.G. Conklin at Central yesterday.

While working cargo on board the s.s. "Trevean" yesterday, Chan Mun, 30-year-old casual labourer, fell 30 feet into the hold. He was removed to Kowloon Hospital suffering from severe shock. His condition was reported to be fair.

## 'Something No One Dares To Say'

Hamburg, Nov. 11. Lady Astor, a former Conservative Member of Parliament, on a ten-day tour of the British zone of Germany, told a press conference of 40 German journalists today that everybody knows that Jewish displaced persons want to go to America and not to Palestine but nobody dares say it.

She was not anti-Jewish, she said, but anti-Zionist, and against the Jewish gangsters in Palestine who were slowing things up and shooting British soldiers and who were responsible for anti-Semitism in the world.

Anti-Semitism was also created by the propaganda and misstatements in the United States press where space could

only be bought for Zionist advertising, she added.

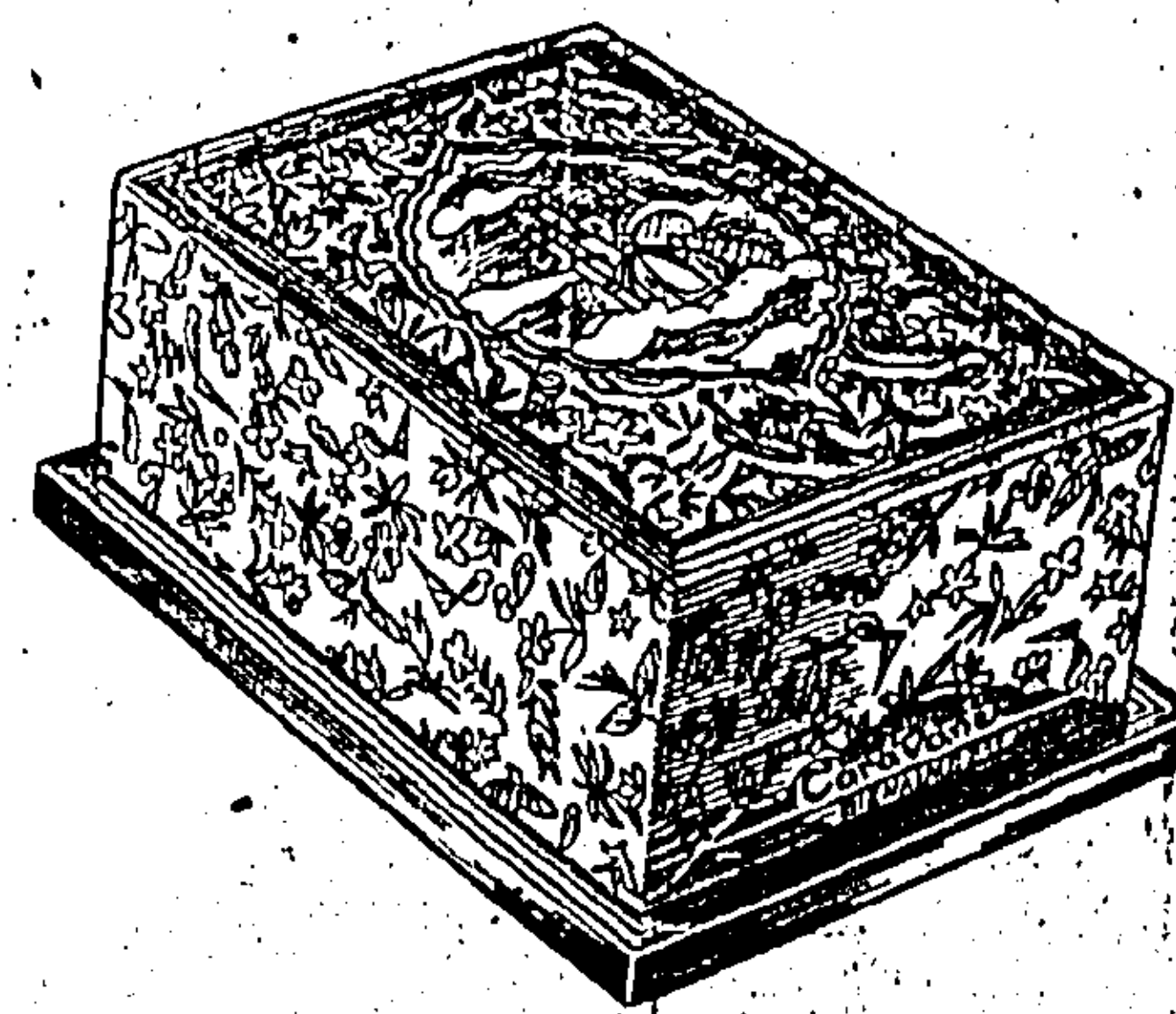
"There were lots of stories about Jewish displaced persons in camps but nothing was said about the Christians also in camps—giving an impression that only Jews were there."

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## Mr. Crozier's Address To Sino-British Club

### Need For Political Universalism

The development of society from the primitive communities of pre-historic times to the complex national governments of modern days, and the problem of how to secure a frictionless relationship between the political state and a world society, was the subject of an address yesterday by Mr. D. J. S. Crozier, chairman, before the History Group of the Sino-British Club.

Mr. Crozier stressed the need for sympathy and understanding rather than of mere knowledge as the proper approach to the subject.

Mr. Crozier pointed out that civilization seems to have matured in the 19th century, and the advance of printing contributed no doubt to this, while international harmony was achieved in some matters, such as the International Court of Justice, but he showed how the recurring fits of international insanity threw the world into conflict, and there is one supreme spiritual unity. The alternative is anarchy.

Just as the little communities of Europe grew, after the collapse of the Roman Empire in the 6th century, into self-contained feudal units, so have the latter grown, in later times, into centralised municipal states. Society grew in these nation-states, but with the expansion of trade, society expanded beyond national boundaries.

At first, the rich, then the middle-classes, and, finally, the whole community has been able to buy more and better things. The same has happened with thought and culture, which recognize no national boundaries. This was followed by the State, but the State then began to obstruct the progress of the scientists and the intellectuals have helped to knit the world together, and in this they have come up against the schemes of politicians. The scientists and the philosophers have directed the genius of mankind to the common purpose of a society which has become cosmopolitan. To develop social life man must have freedom, and the dictators have inverted this cardinal fact.

Concluding, the speaker said that there is need for cosmopolitanism, and he saw nothing inconsistent between legitimate pride in national achievements with political universalism. Just as national society developed under unified sovereignty, so a cosmopolitan society can only achieve greatness and security under a universal sovereignty. The concept of the sovereignty of regional governments being surrendered to a greater authority.

Similarly, the Chinese members of this Colony can reconcile quite easily their profound attachment through race, kinship and culture to China, at the same time as they are loyal subjects of the Crown in Hong Kong.

The ideal of the Pax Romana and of the Pax Britannica lives in the conception of a United Nations. But they must not be merely united; they must have unity.

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In cases of doubt, Shipmasters and Pilots are reminded that good seamanship and the "ordinary practices of seamen" would normally require a vessel stemming the flood or ebb stream to be prepared to give way to a vessel which has the stream behind her.

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## PIECE GOODS IMPORTS

Sydney, Nov. 11. Customs Minister Courtney announced that arrangements have been made for the resumption of licensing imports of utility types of cotton rayon and piece goods from easy currency supply sources.

The Minister said that this would compensate to some extent for the restrictions on goods from the dollar areas.

—Reuter.

## Honour For Princess Elizabeth

London, Nov. 11. Princess Elizabeth today became a member of the 600-year old Order of the Garter, the premier Order of Britain, when the King invested her with the insignia at a private ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

The Princess will wear the Order's broad ribbon in kingfisher blue, bearing the motto "Honi soit qui mal y pense" (Evil be to him who evil thinks) in golden letters at her wedding next week. The only other women members of the Order are the Queen, Queen Mary and Queen Wilhelmina of The Netherlands.—Reuter.

## JEWISH "EMERGENCY" MOBILISATION

Jerusalem, Nov. 11. The Jewish National Council—Yaad Leumi—called tonight for the immediate mobilisation of all Jewish "emergency," expected to arise with the setting up of a separate Jewish state.

Coupled with the call, placing Palestine's 650,000 Jews on a virtual war footing, was a series of resolutions strongly condemning terrorism as a danger to the establishment of the Jewish state.

One of the methods decided by the council for raising money for the "security chest," was a "house curfew" placing all the Jews in Palestine under household arrest while thousands of collectors made the rounds of their homes.

"If this means we hope that no one will escape the net," the Jewish spokesman said.—Reuter.

London, Nov. 11. General Salih Omurtag, the Chief of the Turkish General Staff and head of the Turkish Military Mission now visiting this country, was received in audience by the King today.—Reuter.

## Russia Wants Action Against Spain

Lake Success, Nov. 11. The United States has opposed a demand by the Soviet bloc that the United Nations take all possible economic action—short of actual war—to force the fall of the Franco regime in Spain.

Charles Fahy, American alternate delegate, told the UNO Assembly's Political Committee that the US was against any action which "would initiate change by violence." He said that, instead, the Spanish people "in due time and in their own way" will take steps to regain their place in the family of nations.

Doctor Oscar Lange, the Polish delegate who originally laid charges against Generalissimo Franco in the Security Council in April 1946, renewed the fight against Franco by calling on the Committee and the Assembly to apply a UN charter provision for "complete or partial interruption of economic relations" with Spain.

## Soviet Support

Andre Gromyko, Soviet deputy foreign minister, supported Lange. He said the US and Britain did recall their Ministers but that relations with Spain had become "more cordial." He said trade among those countries had grown.

Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia also backed Lange. He was opposed by the US, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Peru, Belgium, Canada, Mexico and Chile.—Associated Press.

## U.S. Troops Leaving Greenland

Washington, Nov. 11.

The United States is to withdraw its troops from Greenland and hand over the huge air base to Denmark.

Evacuation is already in progress. These decisions were reached during confidential talks between the Danish Foreign Minister, Mr. Gustav Rasmussen, and Mr. Marshall.

The problem of handing over the big weather and radar stations which the United States built in Greenland during the war remains unsolved. Mr. Marshall was prepared to hand them over to the Danes, I understand, but their maintenance is beyond Denmark's resources in money and trained personnel. Yet Mr. Marshall does not want to dismantle the installations or let them go to waste.

The Norwegians have been watching the progress of these negotiations with particular interest, for they believe that Russia's attempts—which, by the way, have not been renewed—to obtain bases on Spitzbergen are closely linked with the United States moves regarding Greenland. Hence, the outcome of the negotiations between Mr. Marshall and Mr. Rasmussen have been of considerable comfort to them.—Our Own Correspondent.

## FACING LIFE SQUARELY

London, Nov. 11. A letter appearing in the "News Chronicle" from a Chinese visitor to Britain compares the ancient civilisation of the East with modern Western civilisation.

The writer is Mr. F. Y. Chen, and the pertinent part of his letter reads: "As I have understood it, Western civilisation is the spirit of facing life squarely; its fundamental of living directly; its seriousness in searching for truth, the fundamental of scientific development; its respect for individuals, the fundamental of democracy; its sense of exactness, the fundamental of efficient organization."

"The old Chinese civilisation is based on fine culture which can only be achieved by plenty of leisure and easy life. For centuries the East kept a high culture for the few. The West tried for the good living of the many. It is one of the successes of Democracy which brought a decent living for everybody."

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# Soviet Atomic-Bomb Test

## World Reaction One Of Skepticism

### "DOES NOT MAKE MUCH SENSE"

London, Nov. 11. Comment from Moscow was awaited tonight on the report that Soviet Russia had successfully exploded her first atom bomb in Siberia last June, as published today in the independent Paris evening newspaper "L'Intransigeant" from its Moscow correspondent.

The correspondent declared that the Soviet Union exploded her first atom bomb on June 15 this year in a remote area of Siberia, and his report was marked "Filed from Moscow via Prague."

The correspondent said that the test explosion took place before 280 Soviet atom specialists and some Government officials. The nearest town was Irkutsk, about 50 miles from the southern tip of Lake Baikal, and about 140 miles north of the Mongolian border.

The correspondent declared that the Soviet Union had sufficient strength and tremendous international influence to defend the cause of peace with success.

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Not True At-Bomb? New York.—The atom bomb report may not be a true atom bomb but of a kind such as a British official report published after the unleashing of atom bombs on Japan indicated could be made, observers here said today.

These observers quoted the British report as saying that it was possible to get an explosion so imperfect that the detonation of atomic materials would be no worse than that of some ordinary explosives.

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"Nonsense" The report was received in silence by officials at the Atomic Energy Commission and elsewhere in Washington. Some scientists have reported that tests to detect atomic explosions by seismographs and by recording radio activity in the upper atmosphere were not very satisfactory.

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## Gigantic Communist Hoax?

New York, Nov. 11. On the same day that the Communist Party organ came out with its claim that Russia has the atom bomb, the Pulitzer-Prize-winning journalist, Frederick Woltman, reported the Communist Party has launched a "gigantic hoax on Congress as well as on many innocent liberals and distinguished citizens."

Woltman reported in the "New York World Telegram" that he has "come into possession of a secret communiqué sent by Communist national headquarters to all Communist organizers in the party's 30 districts throughout the nation."

"In it, party members are directed to collect, by December 15, 600,000 signatures to petitions backing a resolution of Congressman Sabath to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities."

"The 600,000 signatures are to be presented to the House of Representatives not by the Communist Party but by a 'delegation of distinguished citizens,' Woltman said. 'And the delegation that goes to Washington will be acting not in the name of the Communist Party but in the name of a party front known as 'Civil Rights Congress.'"

"Hence, if the party's plans go through, 600,000 signatures will be presented as representing 600,000 loyal Americans. But actually the signers will have been rounded up by the Communist Party from its members and supporters."—United Press.

## Britain Against It

London, Nov. 11. Britain would be opposed to a general revision of the Anglo-Transjordan treaty of 1940 if this was proposed when the Transjordan Prime Minister, Samir Rifal Pasha, comes to London later this year for talks on the consequences of Britain's withdrawal from Palestine, it was reliably learned here today.

The treaty, signed in March, 1946 when Transjordan became independent, has a duration of 25 years. On the other hand, the critical military annex, by which Transjordan gives Britain the right to station troops on its territory and Britain agrees to provide financial and technical assistance, may be revised by consultation during the currency of the alliance.—Reuter.

## AIR CRASH

Thetford, Norfolk, Nov. 11. Six airmen were killed when a "Lancaster" bomber and a "Hurricane" fighter plane collided in mid-air today and crashed near here.

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## IN MEMORIAM

CASTRO: In ever cherished memory of our dear friend, Carlos Maria Castro, who fell asleep on 13th November 1928. Always in our thoughts. I.A.C.

## THE KEY-MONEY RACKET

Mr. Blair-Kerr's suggestion in the Kowloon Court that an effort should be made to bring a 'real' key-money racket to justice would find a reader who if there were less public disillusionment about the official attitude towards the racket. As the Magistrate pointed out, it would be fatuous for any citizen to say that he was unaware that illegal profiteering by way of high rent and tea-money and key-money (all creating an offence under the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance) is common in the Colony at the present time. Yet since the passing of the Ordinance there has been only one important prosecution involving key-money, a case in which a European woman secured the collaboration of the police in proving demand and acceptance. One of the principal consequences of that case has been the creation of new handicaps to European residents seeking accommodation, for many Chinese landlords today refuse to discuss terms with an applicant known to be of European nationality. The inference is plain enough. The aim and intent is to exclude any risk that illegal demands might terminate in a prosecution. By the same token, it confesses the intention to extort illegal payments, and implies that the Chinese flat-hunter is a ready, more willing victim of the law-evader. None of these facts are new: all the authorities concerned are thoroughly acquainted with them. But official unreadiness to take any form of action is monumental in its ineptitude. A letter published elsewhere in this issue cites circumstances which are by no means isolated. Key-money is mentioned early in negotiations, the police pass the buck, an official of the Legal Branch of Government demands of the complainant a complete case, thoroughly sewn up, before consenting to be stirred into interest. Apparently each man must be his own detective. As our correspondent observes, it would have been more in the public interest if Mr. Blair-Kerr had advised the public to help branch of the police force he could apply with confidence in the event of an incident of this nature coming to his attention. Meantime, the protection which the Ordinance is designed to give to home-seekers is defied flagrantly and openly; and, unfortunately, in the majority of cases, with the full approval and consent of the would-be occupier. This last event doubtless constitutes the factor of greatest inertia in producing government action: while affording no excuse for it. If, but half the effort devoted to enforcement of the out-dated, vexatious Immigration Ordinance were to be diverted to enforcement of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, utilizing average intelligence, it is certain that results could be obtained. It would, moreover, be practical policy to prevent breaches of the Ordinance by compulsory letting of habitable premises held vacant for, say, more than a fortnight. In an acute housing shortage such as the Colony is suffering, no residential property is likely to lie vacant unless the owner is holding out for an extortionate price.

How China's Elections Are To Be Managed Is Revealed  
by WALTER LOGAN In This Article On

## CHINA'S FIRST USE OF BALLOT BOXES

Nanking, Nov. 10. Universal suffrage in China would be no easy task at any time, for there has never been a nationwide election. But a violent civil war, a runaway market and shattered communications make China's Nov. 21-23 elections of 3,024 National Assembly delegates something to marvel at. Unlike most nations which have evolved and extended the franchise through slow stages and over many years, China will try to swallow in one gulp unlimited universal suffrage with no qualifications other than age, citizenship and sanity. The results will be far from perfect.

The Government originally planned to print the required 150,000,000 ballots at a central point and distribute them throughout the country. Transportation difficulties and the time required to "chop" the ballots by hand (put an official stamp on each) made it necessary to scrap the plan. The election Board has had to decentralize printing and distributing and irregularities and confusion have resulted. Each voter normally writes down the name of only one candidate. A simple majority is all that is required for elections. They will be referred to the Election Office for decisions. There is no poll tax nor voting fee.

## Polling Control

District elections are under control of Kuomintang hsiang magistrates who will concurrently serve as director of elections. Each hsiang is divided into sub-districts, and polling booths will be set up throughout the hsiang, guarded by army men.

The magistrate is authorized to appoint supervisors to oversee both the balloting and vote-counting and presumably will choose them from representatives of the different parties. If any such men are available. Vote counting is expected to take weeks.

The Judicial Yuan will serve as a court of appeals for any individual or party claiming election irregularities and will act as final arbiter in all disputes over the conduct and results of the election.

About seven out of every ten voters will be able neither to read nor to write. Thus the secret balloting provided for in the constitution will be impossible. The Government has hired thousands of script writers and enlisted the aid of middle school students to help illiterate voters "fill out" their ballots.

(From the files of the "China Mail")

For some time, much discontent has been felt at the performances of the P. and O. Company's Steamers, as at Canton there is frequently but a very few hours to receive and answer letters.

Although by contract the Company bound themselves to have new vessels of 400 horsepower "always supplied with first-rate steam engines" by the first of June, 1946; it was only in June, 1947, that two new steamers arrived.

Of the performances of the "Pottinger" we need only say she was much inferior to either of the two temporarily employed. It is a rare case in which the Mails arrive in China within the period contracted for; and the indulgence granted to the temporary vessels of leaving China two days before the contract time has been rendered permanent without the least excuse for so doing, unless it be that the vessels sent out are unfit for their duty.

Considering the large profits the Company are annually pocketing, it might reasonably be expected that they would build vessels equal to any afloat. But while we hear of rates of 15 and 16 knots performed by those on the Cunard line the vessels sent to China have never averaged more than half that rate.

The Mail Steamers being placed under the Superintendence of the Naval Commander-in-Chief, it is to be hoped H. E. the Admiral will make such a representation on the subject as will cause the Company to set up to their contract; affording the advantages to the Post-Office and to the public for which they have engaged and for which they are so amply paid.

either by way of key-money or rent or both. Legislation of this nature is already in operation in several countries. In none of them could it be more necessary than it is in Hong Kong.

The ballots, unlike those in most western countries, will not contain the names of the candidates. Instead, names will be written on large banners fixed to the wall of the polling place. Voters will write the candidate of their choice on the ballot. An illiterate voter, therefore, relying on a script writer both to read for him and write for him will have a difficult time keeping his vote secret from anyone else in the polling place—especially from Government supervisors.

## Unknown Candidates

Some of the votes will be cast for candidates the elections have never heard of.

## STOKER EDWARDS IN HOSPITAL

London, Nov. 11. Mr. W. J. Edwards, Civil Lord of the Admiralty—Navy Minister who became the first Member of Parliament from the "lower deck"—has been taken to the Royal Naval Hospital at Chatham with blood poisoning. (Mr. Edwards recently paid a short visit to Hong Kong).—Reuter.

## Science Makes New Guess At World's Age

London, Nov. 11. Scientists who apparently have their own rules of etiquette spend a good deal of their time publicly discussing the age of a lady—Mother Earth—and that reticent old woman grudgingly yielding her secrets is now believed to be 3,350,000,000 years old.

This latest estimate, probably not as satisfying to Mother Earth as Archbishop Usher's 17th century guess of 6,561 years old still is somewhat flattering when compared with Jules Verne in 1859 that the chalk erosion in England's county of Kent took 30,000,000,000 years alone.

Professor Arthur Holmes, Regius Professor of Geology and Mineralogy in the University of Edinburgh and a specialist in application of radioactivity to geology made the "probable estimate" of 3,350,000,000 years in a resume of theories on the age of the earth in the scientific monthly "Endeavour".

He based it on study of radioactivity in lead taking as a common denominator the estimates of 25,000,000 years for lead isotopes found in ores of the Tertiary period. "We may assume," he wrote, "that when the Earth began it was free from the lead isotope and that all of it 'now present in the common granite rocks of the continental crust has been generated from Uranium 235'."

## Comparisons

By comparing Tertiary isotopes with those in the granite rocks of today Professor Holmes arrives at an estimate of from 2,000,000,000 to 6,400,000,000 years as the age of the Earth presumably from the time at which it began to harden from the gaseous state.

But he then aims for a closer estimate by using some "better established dates" compiled by Professor A. Nier and other specialists in the field. Some of these dates, for example, set the age of Uraninite found in Manitoba at 1,935,000,000 years which, Professor Holmes said, "includes still recognizable conglomerates containing pebbles of pre-existing quartzites which must therefore be well over 2,000,000,000 years old."

"Since the earth must be older still, this figure can be regarded as a conservative minimum for its age."

Professor Holmes admits that his equations have given him over 200 solutions to the age of the Earth but that there is a "marked concentration" of solutions at about 3,300,000,000 to 3,400,000,000 years.

His equations therefore, he said, "favour the hope that an estimate of 3,350,000,000 years for the age of the earth is unlikely to be seriously wrong."

## Sodium Accumulation

Professor Holmes also discusses estimates by Joly in 1898 that the oceans, based on study of the time it takes dissolved sodium to accumulate, are from 80,000,000 to 90,000,000 years old. Using the same method Professor Holmes points out that the correct figure would be closer to 250,000,000 years but since sodium study is a "hopelessly variable" method the age of the oceans may be anything from 2,000,000,000 to 4,000,000,000 years old.

The almost total lack of campaigning in China is the best proof that election or no election the will of the peoples has not yet become a major political factor. Except for the feverish activity around party headquarters in Nanking, where the real contest is being fought, there are few visible signs of a forthcoming election. There are no leaflets, buttons, posters, brassbands and public meetings.

Some neutral observers contend that the Chinese elections will injure rather than help the cause of democracy because they are being conducted at a time and under circumstances so ill-adapted to the introduction of universal suffrage. They favour postponing the elections. Their opponents argue that a start must be made sometime and an imperfect election is better than no election at all.

Whatever the merits on either side of the argument, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's determination to have democracy in China is a sure guarantee that the Chinese people will go to the polls for the first time in their ancient history on Nov. 21-23.—United Press.

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"The most than can be said," he comments, "is that its present reading (sodium accumulation) is not inconsistent with an oceanic age of a few thousands of millions of years."

Recalling the furious scientific debates of the Victorian Era during which the Earth's age was hotly announced as anywhere from 40,000,000 to 100,000,000 (the latter being considered the highest possible figure) Professor Holmes points that ancient Hindu calculation make the age of the world today: 1,972,949,058.

"By a curious coincidence," he adds, "this characteristically precise assessment is of the same order as the 2,000,000,000 years which has recently been the most widely favoured estimate for the age of the expanding universe."—United Press.

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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## ASK THEM TO HELP YOU

Why all the hurry to take fannies? It almost seems as if quick fannies were a sort of disease which has plagued many heavy players who, as soon as they get the lead, look for a chance to try an immediate finesse. Often it can be a finesse which need not be tried until late in the play. On other occasions the finesse may be taken at all. In plenty of situations it is better to throw a defender into the lead at just the right stage and hope he will select a return which will spare you from finessing at all.

S K 8  
H K Q J 8  
D 9 8 2  
C A Q J 9

S Q 10 4  
H A 9 6 4  
D K 10 4 3  
C 8 5

S J 5 3  
H 10 5  
D A Q 7  
C K 7 6 4 3

(Dealer: East. East-West vulnerable.)  
East South West North  
Pass Pass Pass 4H  
Pass 3C Pass 4H  
Pass 3C

There are many ways to argue with that bidding, but this duplicate deal was handled about that way at several tables, at two of which West led the club 4 to avoid pitching away from his honours. One of the declarers took note of that fact. The other didn't. In fact, that habitual quick finesse took the first trick in dummy. Instantly, assessed the diamond Q to the K, was the returned club in dummy and led the heart 8 to the 10 and A. West returned the diamond 9 to the J and A. Now

one diamond and one spade got discarded on hearts. When he later led toward the spade K he lost two spade tricks, so was down two.

The other South won the trump lead in the dummy and scored a second trump so that, when he put the defenders in with a heart they would be unable to avoid leading away from their own honours. West got the third trick with his heart A. South bargained on West's not liking to return a heart, and was right in his guess. The latter, fearing such a return would be exactly what South hoped for, debated between spades and diamonds, finally selecting the spade 4. Dummy's 5 went on, East accordingly played the A, and the diamond 5 was returned.

With all his requests for help granted, South refused the finesse, came in with the A, led to the spade K, discarded two diamonds on hearts, ruffed a diamond, ruffed his own last spade, and had trumps only left. Thus he lost just one trick in each major suit.

## Tomorrow's Problem

S K 7 5 2  
H 4 2  
D 7  
C 10 9 8 5 3

S 8  
H 10 15  
D K J 6 4 2  
C A Q J 2

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)  
S A Q J 10  
H A K 7 3  
D Q 10 5 3  
C K

If you used this deal to teach a beginner the value of trump leads against 4-spades, how would you go about it?

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Well, maybe it ain't exactly your dream cottage right now, but think of all the dreams you'll have once you've lived in it for a little while!"

## Forgotten Army To Be Remembered

Men of the Services who gave their lives in Burma are to be memorialized in the Anglican Cathedral at Rangoon, and regiments which desire to be associated with this scheme are asked by the Bishop of Rangoon to supply their crests and lists of names of their officers and men who died during the Burma campaign.

In a letter which he has sent to the Colonel of Regiments, the Bishop says: "During the years 1942 to 1945, the Anglican Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Rangoon, was desecrated by the Japanese who destroyed the altars and all the church furnishings and turned the building into a sack distillery. "When the British re-occupied the city in May, 1945, the Royal Air Force cleaned the sanctuary and held services there. Later, all the Forces cleared the rest of the Cathedral so that it was possible on the 27th of July, 1945, to hold a service of Reconciliation. Since then, thanks to the wholehearted co-operation of the congregation and the Military authorities, the work of restoration has gone on. A new high altar and communion rails were made for the sanctuary and pews for the nave. These are worthy of the Mother-Church of Burma. Much more remains to be done; an organ, lectern, lighting and fans must be installed. The present congregation is making great efforts to raise the money for these.

Chapel Memorials  
"We now propose that the two chapels in the transepts, which

were stripped by the Japanese, should become memorials to those who lost their lives in the Burma Campaign. We suggest that the chapel in the north transept should be dedicated to the Christians of Burma and the missionaries from overseas who died here, and the one in the south to the members of H.M. Forces.

"I am anxious that there should be a permanent memorial to our Christian Soldiers and Airmen who gave their lives in Burma, and in this I have the full support of the Cathedral Council. There is no other general memorial scheme in Burma and we all feel that the complete furnishing of a chapel, in which those who laid down their lives will ever be remembered in prayer, would be a fitting memorial and one which would appeal to the next-of-kin. We are anxious to give what comfort we can to these and would gladly send them Cathedral News and photographs of the chapel when it is completed. Perhaps you would inform the next-of-kin of this suggestion.

"Major Hill R.I.E., who designed the high altar and communion rails, has offered to be the architect for this memorial chapel. He hopes to enshrine a Roll of Honour in it and to place around the walls the Regimental crests of the units which took part in the campaign. Any flags, which have been, or will be given, to the Cathedral for safe keeping will be preserved here.

## Use Of Crests

"I write to ask if you would send the names of all your officers and men who, died in the Burma Campaign, and allow us to use your crest. If you grant us permission to use this would you be good as to send details of design, and colour to Messrs. Faith Craft, Tutton Street, Westminster, S.W.1, who are going to execute the crests in coloured enamel on shields of uniform size at a cost of about 410 each. "I would be most grateful if your Corps/Regiment would give a donation that would cover not only the cost of your crest, but would also help towards the general furnishings of the Chapel and the memorial book and shrine. I would welcome any suggestions you may have to improve our plans.

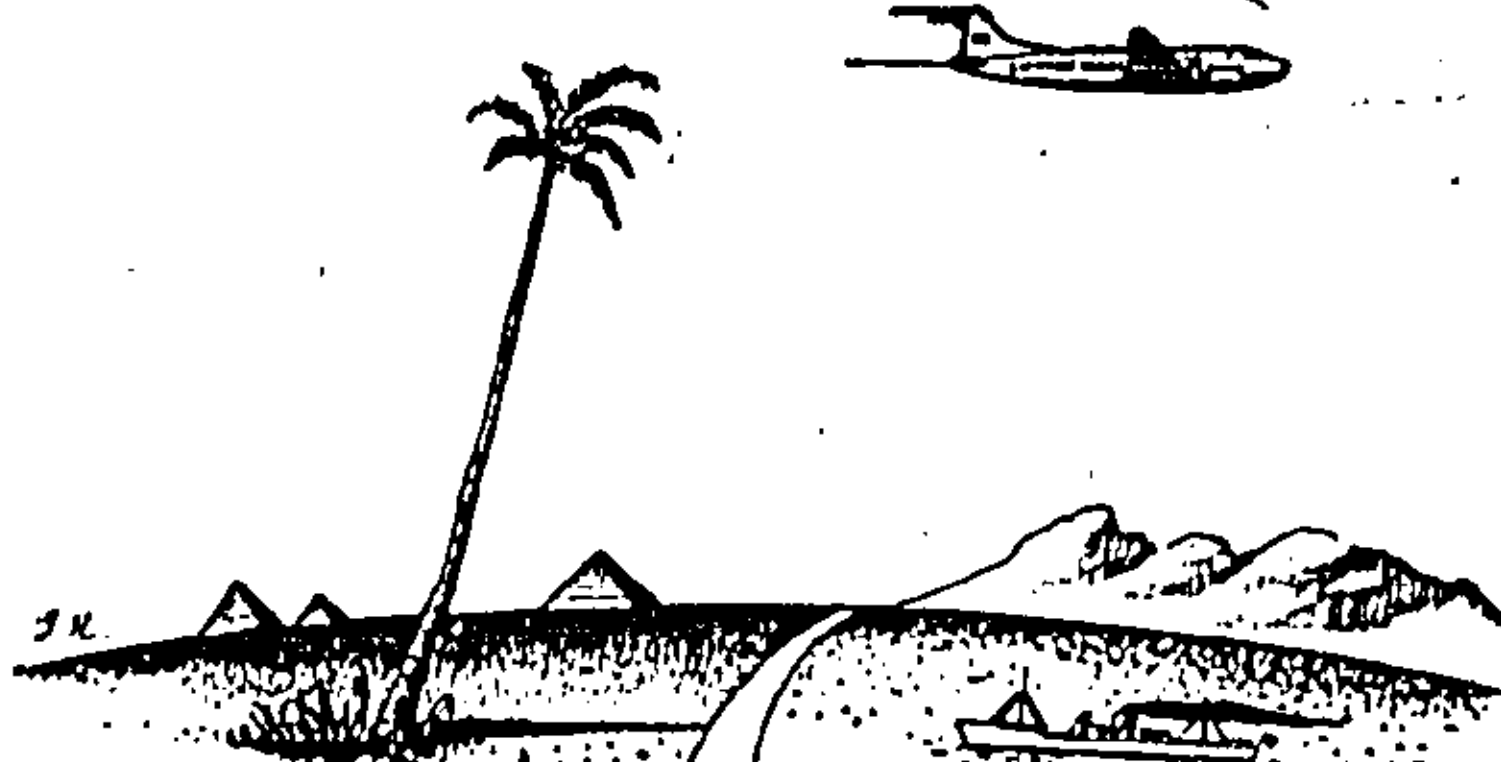
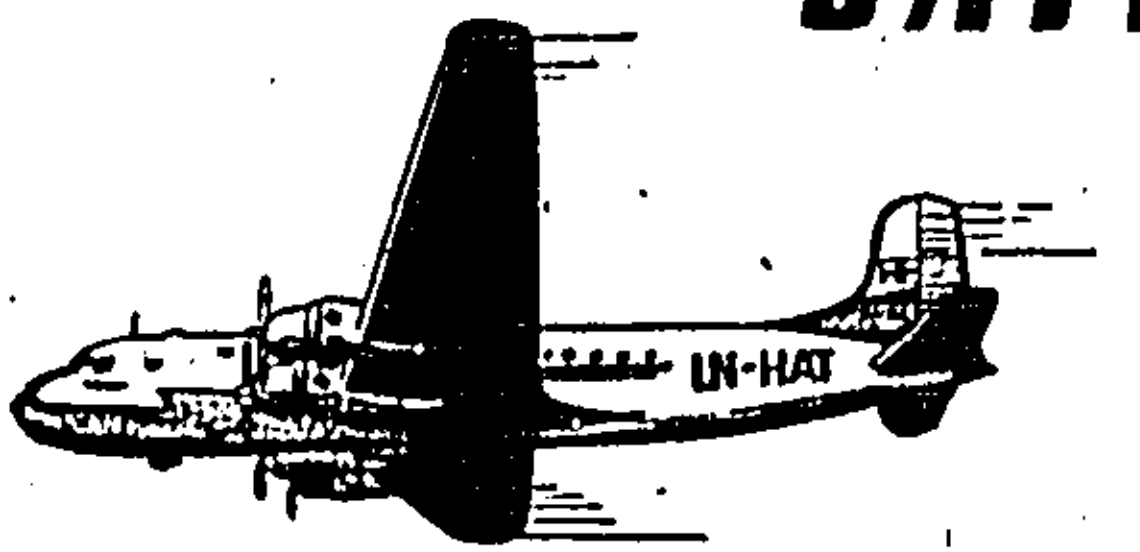
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## Command Performance

Hollywood, Nov. 11. Five Hollywood screen stars who will represent the American Film Industry at the second Royal Command Performance before the King and Queen will sail from New York on Wednesday in the "Queen Mary". They are Bob Hope, Robert Montgomery, Lorena Young, Alexis Smith, and Craig Stevens. "The Bishop's Wife" is the film to be shown.—Associated Press.



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## MR. CHURCHILL SPEAKS UP Leaves Sickbed To Attack Government Measure To Curb Power Of Lords Bill Approved At First Reading

London, Nov. 11. Mr. Winston Churchill today left his sickbed against his doctor's advice, to denounce the Labour Government in the House of Commons as an incompetent dictatorship which threatened to lead Britain into bankruptcy and starvation.

Showing little of the effects of the cold which had kept him in bed for four days, Mr. Churchill tore into the Government attempt to limit the House of Lords' veto power over Commons-approved legislation to one instead of two years.

He shouted down repeated attempts led by Mr. Attlee, to heckle him. He pounded his dispatch bag and wagged his finger at the Government front bench.

The Government, charged Mr. Churchill, in leading the Conservative attack on the Lords measure, were trying to make the Conservatively-dominated Upper House ineffectual and powerless.

"By this scheme," Mr. Churchill cried, "the hope to substitute the will of the Government for the will of the people as freeborn Englishmen! What I hate is a dictator, whether it be a Hitler or an Attlee. Let the Party opposite not imagine they will rule our famous land and lead our great Commonwealth and our Empire—or what is left of it—by Party dodges and petty intrigues."

"The Government are saying, 'We have our majority and to hell with the people!' It is dictatorship we are facing; an incompetent dictatorship, but one no less, and in the life of this Parliament, Government may be replaced by a totalitarian oligarchy."

"It may well be bankruptcy and actual starvation may come upon this island largely through this Government's mismanagement."

Cries of "Shame, Shame!" rose from the Labour benches. Mr. Churchill declared that Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Government leader in Parliament, had a "well-known relish for petty dictatorship," adding:

"No peace-time Government has ever had such arbitrary power and no Government has ever failed more completely to meet the practical needs of the British people."

Mr. Churchill claimed that the reform of the House of Lords, which he helped to carry out 16 years ago, was designed to give effect to "the settled and persistent will of the people and not to spurious emotions of an electorate."

Both progress and stability were needed and if the Socialists did not like the present brake provided by the House of Lords, why did they create more nobles and why did they not propose to reform the House of Lords?

Instead they retained the hereditary Chamber with one year's veto instead of the two. It was silly to describe the one year's veto as "blue Socialist democracy" and the two years' veto as "class tyranny."

Mr. Churchill emphasised the danger of a rash and irrevocable action without the check of a second Chamber and declared that practically all free countries had rejected a single chamber Government.

Giving instances, Mr. Churchill pointed out that Elre had created its own Senate. "Show me one powerful free democratic state which has adopted the principle of a single chamber Government!" Mr. Churchill challenged.

In reply to Labour shouts of "Norway," is not a very powerful state and could not be a state at all except for our exertion."

A single chamber Government was not particularly dangerous for Britain with Parliaments elected for five years. The safeguard should not be swept away by "a small act of discredited men."

Stressing his confidence that the Socialist majority would vanish if general elections were held tomorrow, Mr. Churchill concluded: "If they wait another year they will vanish for a considerable period, unwept, unhonoured and unremembered."

"Cat And Mousing" Mr. Churchill early in the debate asked Mr. Morrison how he conceived democracy.

"Democracy is not a caucus obtaining a fixed term of office

by promises and then doing what it likes to the people. We hold that there ought to be a constant relationship between rulers and the people."

Mr. Churchill, in declaring that Mr. Morrison had "a relish for petty dictatorship," said: "He should always need a guard against his propensity and loss of cat and mousing people from morning to night."

Mr. Churchill asserted that the Government wished to keep the present Second Chamber on a hereditary basis so that they could "abuse, insult and attack it and yet so cripple its powers that the Second Chamber is, in effect, both vulnerable and powerless."

Mr. Churchill went on: "How do we know that in the next 18 months we shall see the same feeble despots in office? They may be replaced at any time by a convulsion in this House or at Transport House or in the complicated party structure of Government."

"They may be replaced at any time by other men no less mischievous, but more malignant, more ruthless—men who have never presented themselves to the electorate as leaders of the nation."

"Are they to have full unbridled authority to pass any laws, irrespective of the views of the nation, about Government or members?"

"These are the issues before us now on the second reading of this Bill."

**Mr. Chuter Ede**

Mr. Chuter Ede, the Home Secretary, said that Mr. Churchill had today devoted much of his speech to disproving what he said on the first reading of the Parliament Act of 1911, which Mr. Churchill helped to pass.

The Government sought no privilege or facility which the Conservative Party had not long enjoyed. All they demanded was political equality for all parties.

The idea that the Bill was required only to nationalise the iron and steel industry was one of delusions which the Conservative Party "likes to hug to itself."

There were other Bills being brought forward which might equally need the opportunities afforded by this measure.

**Woman Peers**

Mrs. Leah Manning, Labour, urged that women peers should be allowed to sit in the House of Lords in their own right. She added:

"It is an odd thing that this Government, which does not believe in hereditary principle, is always hunting around for peers who won't present them-

## Isaacs Mobilises Spivs And Drones

London, Nov. 11. The British people, already divided over the controversy on the direction of labour in the Government's plan to speed up the export drive, heard today of new proposals designed to cover such people as those working on gambling—such as football pools, amusement arcades, night clubs and street trading in urban areas.

The proposals were announced in Parliament by Mr. George Isaacs, the Minister of Labour, who said that he had issued an order that day requiring the registration of persons unoccupied or who are following certain occupations. These included football pools and so on.

After registration, the people concerned would be called to labour exchanges for interviews and dealt with in exactly the same way as those seeking employment under an order which already guides the unemployed into essential industries.

This meant, said Mr. Isaacs, that in appropriate cases they would be offered employment on essential work and, if necessary, formally directed to it.

In the direction of a labour controversy which has been going on in the country for some time, many people have argued that unproductive industries such as pools should yield labour to the nation's industrial drive.

In answering questions, Mr. Isaacs said there was no desire to send people to prison for failure to comply with the order but in these days everyone who wanted to eat and live ought at least to be performing some service.

**No Police Aid**  
To a suggestion that he might seek police assistance in roping in persons not in the records, Mr. Isaacs replied, amid cheers: "I want to say at once that we do not wish and have no desire to seek the assistance of the police. We wish to see if this scheme to make the people come forward meets with response. But if other steps are necessary, we shall not hesitate to come to Parliament for such power."

Mr. Isaacs made no reply to Mr. Quinton Hogg (Conservative) who said the compulsory registration of the people in peace time was still a further step towards the reintroduction of chattel slavery.

The order applies to men between the ages of 18 and 51, and women between 18 and 41. Among the exceptions will be married women living with their husbands and women looking after their own children under the age of 15.—Reuter.

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with an heir. May I remind them that this is never a safe bet with a man."

Mr. Anthony Eden, the deputy leader of the Opposition, winding up for the Opposition, said that not a score of those who voted for the Government at the last election thought it would introduce legislation to curtail the powers of the House of Lords.

He would have supported the Government if there was a shred of evidence to show that there was the least danger during the last two years of the House of Lords creating any kind of constitutional crisis.

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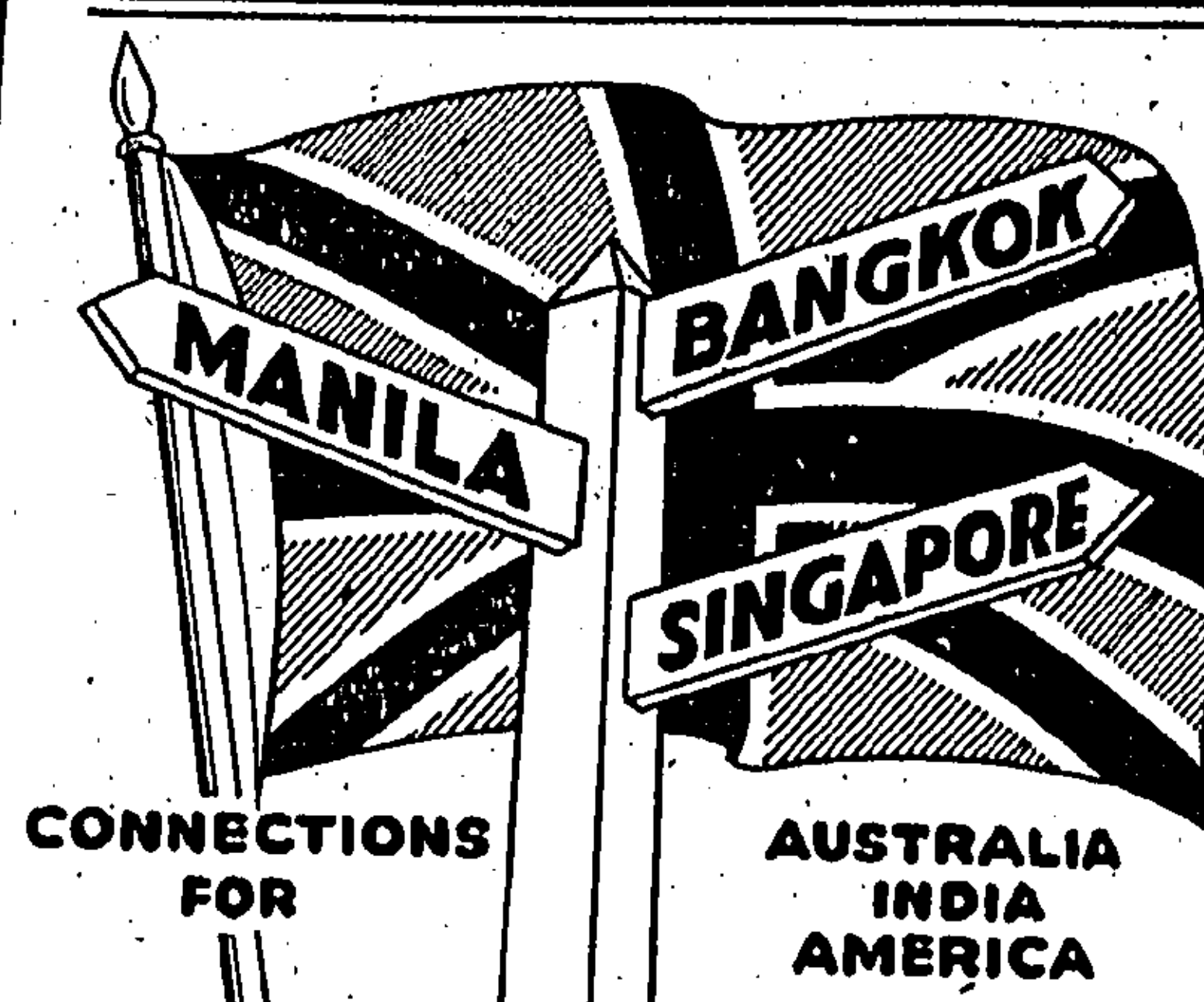
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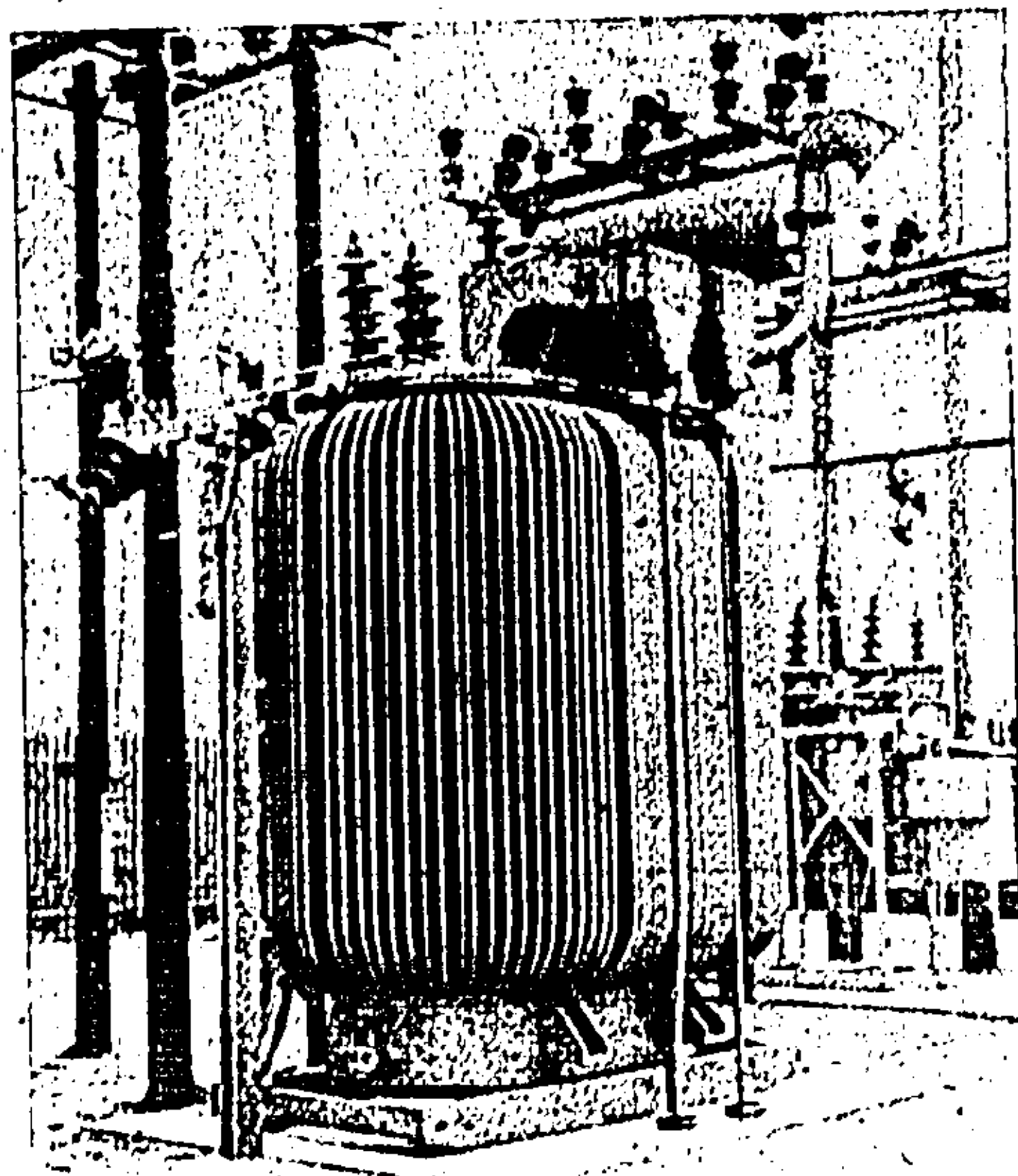
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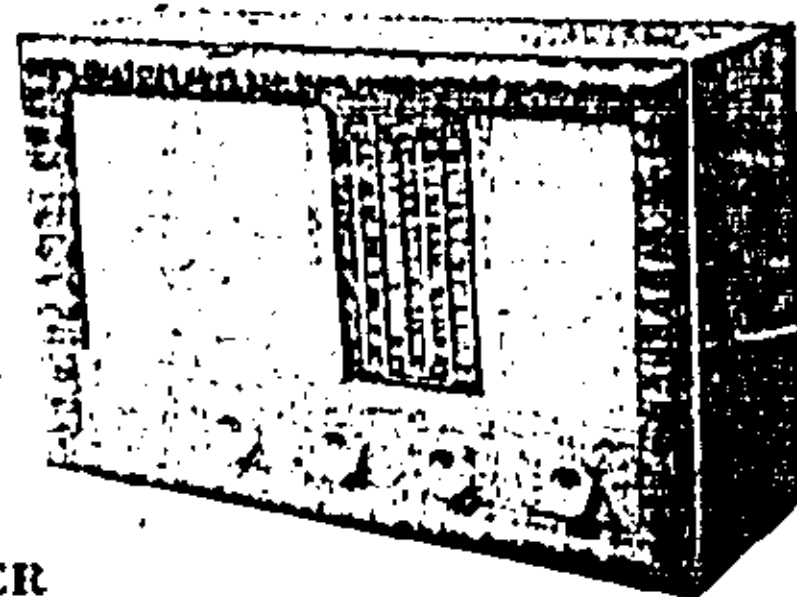
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The P. & O. liner "Canton," on her first post-war voyage to the Far East as a civilian passenger vessel, is due to arrive in the Colony on November 17th. A vessel of 10,000 tons, the "Canton" sailed on her maiden voyage in October, 1938, her 18,000 S.H.P. engines giving her the useful speed of 18 knots. Built by Alexander Stephen & Sons, of Glasgow, she has accommodation for 300 First and 244 Tourist Class passengers, with cargo space for 10,320 tons deadweight; this includes 700 tons of refrigerated cargo.

### No. 1

The first "Canton" was a small vessel even in her day in comparison with the size of others in the P. & O. fleet. In the 1840s most of the P. & O. vessels were anything between 1,000 and 2,000 tons, the "Hindustan" of 1842 being actually over 2,000. The "Canton," built in 1848, was only 348 tons, with 160 indicated horse-power. She was sent East to act as a feeder ship to carry cargo and passengers between the regular mail steamers and coastal ports not reached by the larger liners.

Shortly after the "Canton" arrived on the China Station the authorities here were greatly troubled by Chinese pirates in ports and harbours along the Chinese Coast. Their headquarters were at Bias Bay.

Some warships were employed in an effort to root out these pirate fleets and nests, one of them being H.M.S. "Columbine," a two-masted sailing ship armed with twelve 32-pounder guns.

On September 28th, 1849, H.M.S. "Columbine's" Commander sighted a number of junks and opened fire on a fleet of fourteen pirate craft. The first was returned, but the falling wind stopped any further action.

Next day H.M.S. "Columbine" was lying becalmed and a large fleet of junks were making their escape under oars or long sweeps manned by relays of rowers from the heavy crews carried in the junks.

The "Canton" coming upon this scene, took H.M.S. "Columbine" in tow and brought her to a position where the junks were within effective range of the warship's guns. A brisk action followed, the ship of the pirate leader being on the warship both with round shot and grape. A number of the crew of H.M.S. "Columbine" were wounded, but the pirate fleet was practically destroyed. The next day the "Canton" embarked and carried the wounded to Hongkong.

In the painting of the action by Norman Wilkinson, R.O.I., which hangs in the First Class lounge of the present "Canton," the effects of the pirates' fire in the form of smoke and debris are depicted, and a few grape-holes in the "Canton's" funnel.

The flag signal flown by the warship, as shown in the painting, is her order to "Cast off the tow line." If it should be asked why this order should have been made by signal instead of by shouting through a speaking trumpet over the short distance, the answer is that in the heavy firing and with the noise of the "Canton's" engines and paddles, a verbal order might have been misunderstood, but the flag signal had to be acknowledged as seen and understood by the answering pennant which was hoisted on the "Canton."

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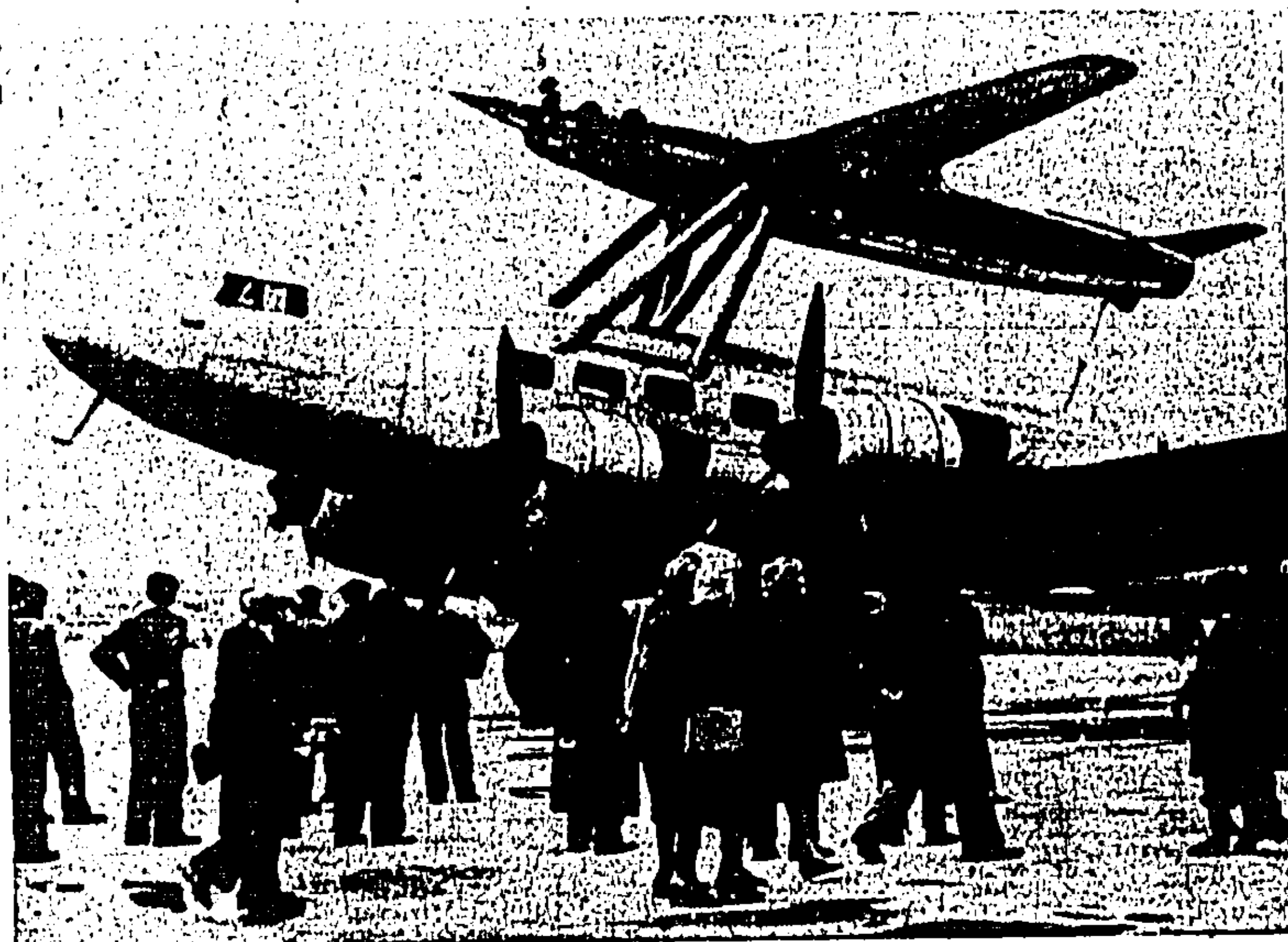
The second "Canton" was built in 1880, and was a vessel of 3,333 tons and 2,500 h.p. The passenger trade with the Far East was still, in those days, comparatively limited, so that the "Canton" and some others of her type, built about that time, were designed mainly as cargo carriers, although each was fitted with accommodation for a limited number of passengers.

## Lighthouse Equipment

Malaya and Sarawak have placed orders with a United Kingdom firm (Chance Brothers) for £28,000 worth of lighthouse equipment. It will be used for the rehabilitation and modernisation of present navigational installations.

The same firm is at present constructing 16 lighthouses in the Far East. It also has been asked to draw up plans for the modernisation of lighthouses in China and the East Indies. Associated Press.

## French Jet-Propelled Plane



An experimental jet-propelled plane—the first constructed in France—is seen resting on top of the French 4-motored aircraft "Languedoc" before being taken 9,000 metres up for its first flight. Leduc, the French engineer who designed the plane, said the test was successful. When this photograph was taken, the pilot was already in the jet-plane, named "Leduc," ready for the take-off. (APhoto).

# A Masterpiece Of Engineering

## Vickers-Built Stratosphere Pressure Chamber

By Joseph Kalmer

## Electronics Research

ber on steel cradles. One end of it is attached to a crane, while the other rests on rollers to allow for expansion.

Inside the chamber, the pressure cabin of an aircraft will be mounted, to permit testing its pressurising and heating equipment, as well as the behaviour of aircraft structures, controls and engines.

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Plant installed will be able to produce temperature variations over a range of 140 degrees Centigrade, from 70 degrees above zero to 70 below. Stratosphere aircraft are unlikely ever to encounter lower temperatures, so that their behaviour will be tested as thoroughly in the chamber as they will in practice. Pressures from one atmosphere down to one-twentieth of an atmosphere can be produced; and this fall in pressure can be effected in 90 minutes, which is equivalent to a climbing rate of 1,000 feet per minute.

But how does the stratosphere chamber itself react to atmospheric changes? In order to avoid awkward sources of trouble the chamber, its structure and plant are housed in a building, as has already been said. This building has walls surfaced with insulating material 12 inches thick; further precautions in the shape of specially constructed foundations have also been taken against the effects of "frost heave."

Objects to be tested enter the chamber through a door weighing 65 tons. The other end is permanently sealed. A 40-ton hydraulic jack is used to move the door and chamber. Driving power will be obtained from a private generating plant developing 1,750 horse-power, although since all the units will not be in use at one time the anticipated peak load is 900 h.p.

The great strides made in aircraft construction and the increased speed of modern aircraft have made such demands on men and material as to render obsolete all test chambers previously in existence. The new Vickers-Armstrong Stratosphere Chamber will fulfil the new requirements.

American electronics scientists say they have begun an intensive research campaign to find out what mysterious forces keep the core of matter from exploding like the atomic bomb. If an answer is found, it may prove "a hundredfold more significant than the atomic bomb itself."

Dr. William E. Shoup, manager of the electronics and nuclear physics research in the Westinghouse research laboratories in east Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, announced the programme in an address before the National Electronics Conference in Chicago.

The objective of the programme is to learn the nature of the "binding forces" which hold nuclear particles together.

Dr. Shoup said: "Several logical theories have been offered to explain the binding action, but our aim is to get a conclusive answer. Once we do so it may no longer be necessary to smash down the door of the atom's nucleus to find out what is inside. With the key in hand we could simply unlock the door and look inside."

According to the electrical theory the nucleus should explode rather than stick together as it does. This is because it is made up of positively charged protons and neutral particles called neutrons. Since like charges repel you would expect protons to blast one another out of the nucleus. Actually they stick together with such force that tremendous blows often are necessary to separate them.

"It is these mysterious binding forces we are attempting to analyse and measure. If we are successful the results may prove a hundredfold more significant than the atomic bomb," United Press.

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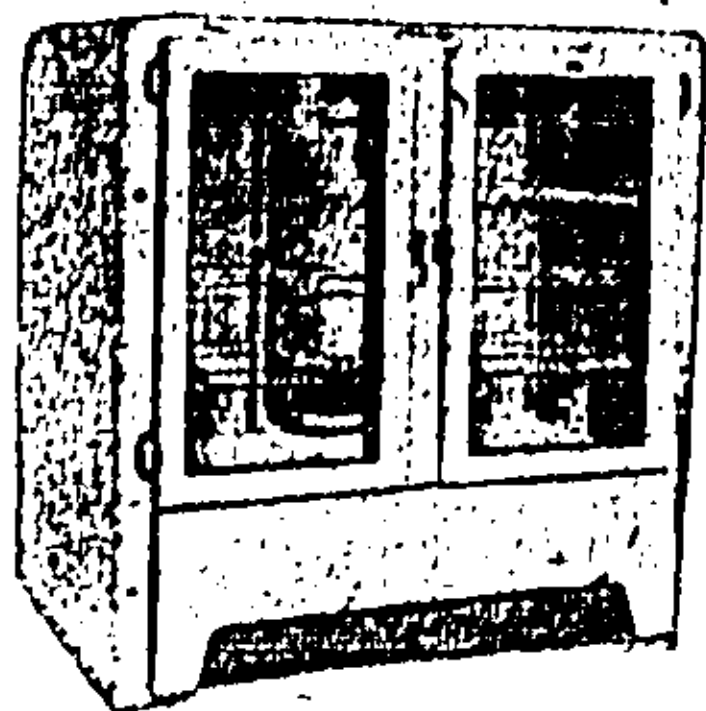
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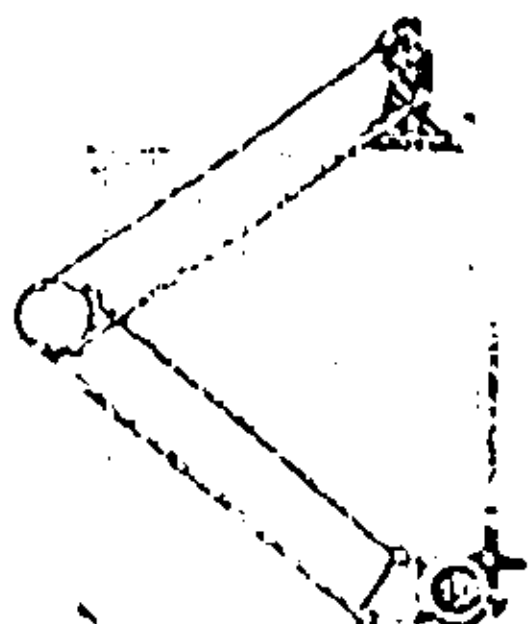
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# WHY THE V-8? Engineering Murder Averted

One of the virtues of opposed and V-type engines is that compared with an in-line engine it is not necessary to commit engineering murder to save wheelbase. In the past it is fair to state that 1 in. of additional wheelbase could cure most engine difficulties. Engineers have been fighting engine length for years, yet there is nothing which has less commercial value than taking an inch out of the engine. It cannot appeal to the sense of utility, comfort or vanity. Somehow this business of crowding an engine has appealed to the vanity of the engine designer. It usually turns around and bites him.

With an opposed engine the bore can be greater in diameter than the stroke and the span of the individual bore can be used to do a job on diameter of crankpin, check thickness and length of crankpin. At this point we should consider the possible size of our engines. The table shows the projected horsepower outputs of future opposed-type engines.

Assuming a six-cylinder, 2,350 c.c. engine with 130 h.p. output, having a maximum b.m.e.p. of 140 lb. per sq. in., in-line dimensions would be: bore 3.5 ins., stroke 3.125 ins. Opposed dimensions would be: bore 3.5 ins., stroke 3.125 ins. The allowable crankpin for in-line is 2.125 ins. diam. Allowable crankpin for opposed is 2.375 ins. diam. This gives 110 per cent. increase in rigidity in so far as crankpin is concerned. The bore diameter normally controls the span which gives space for bearing length and check thickness. We have in 14 in. opposed engine 0.25 in. addition to divide between cheek and bearing length. It should be divided one-eighth for bearing length and one-sixteen for each cheek.

It is obvious that the short-stroke opposed engine is the least elastic combination, and, as such, combined with a "controlled combustion" chamber will be more nearly suited to meet the future. In answer to the question of why don't we treat the in-line engine in the same manner, we again point out that the increase in length of about 1.75 ins. would find no favour among designers and, in truth, the additional length does increase the relative wind-up of crank and case. The opposed engine can be treated for rigidity of crankshaft because the engine will be shorter. This holds true for V-eights, except that the proportion of the crankshaft must be compensated for prestressing due to heavy counter-weights and, further, for low modulus materials used if the crank is cast, as it might well be in the future on most engines. The cast crank does permit use of a really hollow shaft and size can be increased to give stiffness without adding weight.

### Narrow V

In the past, 60-, 45-22% and 15 degree V-eight have been built. In this country the 90-degree V-eight won engineering favour over the 60-degree. Many experimental eights of less included angle have been built with attractive results. However, they eventually lost the engineering decision on the basis of roll due to firing order. In Europe the story was different, and Lancia and others produced the narrow V and the execution due to valve gear design was so good that the performance improvement made the job desirable. We may expect such engines to appear in the United States. The Lancia, however, was a small-bore, long-stroke engine with overhead camshaft with relatively large valves, and was capable of sustained high power at high speeds. Such engines in Europe, however, did not have American traditional smoothness. It remains to be seen what may come in the United States in the future. A good-sized crankshaft and attention to crankcase rigidity with proper counterweighting may do rather well. The fluid coupling may also hide a multitude of sins. The opposed engine does not require special treatment. It gives an improved balance and requires a minimum of counterweighting, and, from running experience, improves the secondary forces vibration in the four-cylinder to a point where

they can be entirely ignored. In fact, the opposed four makes possible the return of the four-cylinder engine to the American scene.

If fuel consumption was the controlling factor in weight class selection, then the following data would be important:

Weight class (lb.)	m.p.g. (present)	m.p.g. (future)
1,000	60	85
2,000	40	55
2,500	30	41
3,000	20	29
3,500	16	24
4,000	9	17

It is not weight alone which is costly in m.p.g., but all things which go with weight: engine size, horse-power to drive the car on the level and on grades, axle ratio and the general cross section of the car.

### Monobloc

To continue our discussion of the rigidity factors of the opposed engine, let us take the one-piece cylinder block.

The bore is materially offset from the main bearing centre line. The main bearing is the main bearing into the structure, and on the rear end where, under normal conditions, the bearing support is deflected in time with the power stroke, we find a wall completely across the engine. Since in this engine the power force is transverse and the residual inertia forces are transverse, they react against a solid block instead of an elastic bearing cap or bolts. However, the bearing clearance alone allows for pendular action of the flywheel. If we combine controlled combustion, short stroke, heavy overlap and reinforced cheeks, the opposed engine should be well prepared to meet increased power output of the future.

The use of light metals is bound to be considered. When we review the war picture we are certain that aluminium can give the performance and durability. However, it has been too high in price for cars and trucks. Today we can assume that from the point of view of weight, 1 lb. of aluminium can be considered as 2.75 lb. of iron. Modern aluminium alloys, even in secondary materials, can be equal to cast-iron in structural physical properties. These alloys require heat treatment but so does cast-iron in order to gain strength. Aluminium would permit competitive costs if full advantage was taken of the ease of handling, ease of machining, and the lowered weight of the final product that can add performance equal to one more passenger, or permit reduction in general proportions.

In Europe this practice is over the top, and in France all new cars include the maximum of aluminium. This is a matter of coal. In the pre-war period they used 1 1/4 tons of coal to make one car. They are now aiming at five small cars for this much coal. In England it is under discussion, some believing that aluminium is economic, and others disagreeing. If the aluminium industries of Britain are put under control we can look for a wide use there.

We are bound to be affected by cars built in Europe, in spite of the fact that we lead the world in volume, size, appearance and performance. We are continually borrowing from Europe, almost as much as they borrow from us. When cars are made to the tune of over a million per year, with a maximum of aluminium, the facts will be proven that cars can be much lighter than at present without losing road stability. The impact of these aluminium developments will eventually be felt and hence aluminium for motorcars will eventually be considered in the U.S.

In Europe we have some fair cars without aluminium that carry five passengers at 2,200 lb., and these designs are eight to 10 years old. I think we can predict in three years' time satisfactory automobiles for five passengers weighing 2,000 lb. Present cars average 33 to 35 lb. per h.p. available. A 2,000-lb. car would be happy with a 65 h.p. engine and would equal present-day performance. With the same r.p.m. per mile this would probably show 25 to 30 per cent. fuel consumption improvement. This would put the consumption at 30 m.p.g.

However, it is fair to assume that work will proceed on minimizing the total surface of the car and correcting the front end for aerodynamics and relieving the drag at the rear end. This would bring the mileage up to 40 m.p.g. if we apply all we know to the engine for burning lean mixtures.

### Major Factor

The greatest factor in good piston and ring operation is the clearance of the piston in the bore. The piston of the future must be fitted with much less clearance than in the past. The present American piston is a straight oval having greater clearance at the sides than at the bearing surface. The usual source of trouble has been mechanical and heat distortion along the pin requiring excessive clearance. Sometimes this is provided for by special milling operation under the pin. However, quite often this excessive clearance will extend to the bottom of the skirt at each side.

The British developed their piston shape so that it was a tapered oval. The skirt opening was round and the major ovality was immediately below the ring belt. This simplifies piston fitting, since with a split skirt the pistons were fitted with a light drag fit.

Progress is being made both in the U.S. and abroad on design for aluminium pistons that can be fitted with from .0005 to .001-in. clearance with a 3-in bore. One English piston maker binds the piston with steel wire of about .010-in diameter. In America we shall see this control cast into the piston. A tapered oval close-fitting aluminium piston would set new marks for durability and for oil consumption.

Piston rings in the United States have been very good in the truck and passenger car field. Europeans claim we were not so good pre-war on heavy-duty rings but that we improved during the war. We have been obtaining results by metallurgical progress and machining. However, the tension has been going up. From 1932 to 1940 the tension has gone up from 8 to 18 lb. and when wear sets in we put in spring-back rings for more tension. This is to hold compression and eliminate blow-by in bad bores. An interesting point is that a 3/32 face ring will give better blow-by characteristics with a very much higher critical period than the 1/4 ring. The 3/2 ring is usually made with much lower tension than the 1/4 ring. Therefore, we reason that high tension or wall pressure is not the answer. We need rings that will maintain a uniform tension on the cylinder wall under conditions of heat and pressure, that will not cold or hot scuff. This may be an entirely different ring than we have seen before. If we can get better operation and service with less friction from rings that have uniform pressure on the cylinder wall under conditions of heat and pressure, we have advanced.

Engine valves are periodically troublesome. The chemical constituents of combustion have alternately destroyed exhaust valves and intake valves. Work is going on to determine what the injurious elements are and how to keep them out of the fuel. Unfortunately, petrol varies, not only throughout the world but throughout the United States.

### Sodium Cooled

Truck engines are beginning to use sodium-cooled valves for the exhaust. This will bring up the number of such valves produced and bring down the cost. Lower cost sodium-cooled valves are available now, not however at a low enough price to interest the passenger-car field. In spite of this, in the future we will all be using hollow-stem exhaust valves with the stem nearly half the diameter of the head. Whether some manufacturers will low with sodium remains to be seen step up to filling the hollow. We have hopes that just as B. J. Knudsen reduced the price of silchrome valves to one-third of their original cost, present valve manufacturers will reduce the hollow sodium-cooled valve to a point that will bring it in line for passenger cars.

## ADVANCES IN DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES

### Steel Output Record

Among the notable advances made in diesel locomotive practice recently is that achieved in the layout and erection of the complete straight and automatic Westinghouse air brake in 65 and 100 h.p. flameproof mines locomotives by the Hunslet Engine Co., Ltd., of Leeds, England.

Erection and testing of the valves, piping and connections invariably occupies a good deal of time, and in both surface and underground steam and diesel locomotives testing not infrequently holds back trials and delivery if everything does not go well at once.

By the erection of the Westinghouse equipment in one assembly which can be lifted into or out of the locomotive on a simplified procedure of a completed sequence, and increased efficiency of the locomotive erection and testing programme.

The great advantage is that erection within the steel frame, and the subsequent full testing by the Westinghouse engineer, can be undertaken in any part of the erecting shop, or indeed, in any part of the factory; and the complete self-contained assembly can be brought to the locomotive after approval and immediately lowered into position.

With a straight air brake, only two connections are necessary (to the brake cylinder and from the compressor), and an additional connection to the air starting motor (for the oil engine) where this is fitted. With straight and automatic equipment four connections are needed, the two additional ones being for the train pipes.

As a whole, the assembly contains not only the brake equipment, but the pneumatic whistle on the front plate, along with its connections from the air system; and a Gresham and Craven two-way valve and connections for the two-way air sanding.

Britain's September steel output, at an annual rate of 13,841,000 tons, is the highest for any September on record and the highest for any month since March, 1943.

It falls little short of the official objective of 14 million tons, and this is most encouraging because the success of the economic programme depends very largely on a maximum production of steel. The quality of British steel is world-famed, and at Port Talbot, in Wales, the foundations are being laid for the largest and most modern strip mill steelworks in the country.

In little more than five months an area of 600 acres, mostly sand dunes and marsh and lake, has been drained, and levelled after being filled with heavy foundation material. It will not be long before the site will be ready for the installation of new blast furnaces producing 1,000 tons of iron a day.

The complete plan for steel modernization in Wales is a gigantic one, and the installation of the present unit alone, with its strip mill for wide sheets and modern flat-rolling plant, will cost some £30 million, apart from £25 million for preparing the site. Sixty miles of railway track will run through the works area.

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 "TSINAN" Swatow, Singapore, 15th Nov.  
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 "SINKIANG" Swatow, Singapore, 15th Nov.  
 "NANCHANG" Swatow, Singapore, 15th Nov.  
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ARRIVALS FROM  
 "SINKIANG" Bangkok, Saigon & Swatow, 14th Nov.  
 "FOOCHOW" Bangkok, Saigon & Swatow, 14th Nov.  
 "TSINAN" Bangkok, Saigon & Swatow, 14th Nov.  
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CANTON RIVER LINE  
 "SHAN" Sails 9 a.m. 14th Nov. Gates Open 5 a.m.  
 "SHAN" Sails 10 a.m. 14th Nov.  
 "SHAN" Sails 10.01 a.m. 14th Nov. 4 p.m. 17th Nov.

Agents: BLUE FUNNEL LINE

U.K. SERVICE  
 Arrivals from U.K. via Straits 20th Nov.  
 "SINKIANG" 22nd Nov.

Sailings to  
 "SINKIANG" Genoa, Marseilles, 25th Nov.  
 "FOOCHOW" Genoa, Marseilles, 25th Nov.  
 "TSINAN" Genoa, Marseilles, 25th Nov.  
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NEW YORK SERVICE  
 Arrivals from U.S.A. via Manila & Shanghai 22nd Nov.  
 "SINKIANG" 25th Nov.  
 "FOOCHOW" 25th Nov.  
 "TSINAN" 25th Nov.  
 "FUKIEN" 25th Nov.  
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 "NANCHANG" 25th Nov.

Agents: Australian-Oriental Line, Ltd.

ARRIVALS FROM  
 "SINKIANG" Australia, 7th Dec.  
 "FOOCHOW" Sydney & Melbourne via Manila 15th Nov.  
 "TSINAN" Sydney & Melbourne via Manila 15th Nov.  
 "FUKIEN" Sydney & Melbourne via Manila 15th Nov.  
 "SHENKING" Sydney & Melbourne via Manila 15th Nov.  
 "HUPEH" Sydney & Melbourne via Manila 15th Nov.  
 "NANCHANG" Sydney & Melbourne via Manila 15th Nov.

LAUNCH SERVICE  
 "SINKIANG" 3.00 p.m. Police Pier  
 "FOOCHOW" 3.00 p.m. Police Pier  
 "TSINAN" 3.00 p.m. Police Pier  
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